

Tavistock Methodist Circuit – At Home Service – Sunday 30th August 2026

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Called to worship

Call to worship. Be still and know that I am God. Let us have a moment and bring ourselves into his presence. Lord help us to know your presence with us at this special time that we may know your love. Come Holy Spirit and be with us we pray.

HYMN

TO GOD BE THE GLORY! great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Chorus. *Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;
And give Him the glory, great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

CHROUS

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!

CHROUS

Prayer

God our creator, to you be thanks and praise.
You made each one of us in your image.
Our name is on the palm of your hand.
We thank you that you care for each one of us.

You sent your Son Jesus to be the Saviour of this World.
We thank you for your obedience, Jesus, going to the cross,
giving up your life for us.
We thank you for the example that you gave us, by overcoming
the temptations.
To you be all praise our Saviour.
Help us to draw closer to you that we may be strengthened
In our faith in you.
We thank you Holy Spirit, who guides and strengthens us
In our Christian walk.
We give you all the honour and praise our Lord and Saviour. Amen

Lord's Prayer

Get your bibles and read. Jeremiah 31 v 27 34, and Luke 8 v 1 – 8

HYMN

FATHER, I PLACE INTO YOUR HANDS

The things I cannot do.
The things I have been through.
Father, I place into Your hands
The way I should go,
For I know I always can trust you.

Father, I place into Your hands
My friends and family.
Father, I place into Your hands.
The things that trouble me.
Father, I place into Your hands
The person I would be.
For I know I always can trust You.

Father, we love to see your face,
We love to hear your voice.
Father, we love to sing Your praise
And in Your name rejoice
Father, we love to walk with You
And in your presence rest,
For we know we can always trust you.

Father, I want to with You
And do the things You do.
Father, I want to speak the words
That you are speaking too.
Father, I want to love the ones
That You will draw to You.
For I know I am one with you

REFLECTION

Jeremiah had a very difficult calling to be God's prophet as at the time Israel was not in a good place with God. His ministry was to bring people back to God and repent of their sins. They had forgotten who had brought them out of Egypt in a miraculous way. They had forsaken God. All the leaders rejected God's law and will for the people. For a very long time we have been going through so many changes as a country. Brexit, covid, strikes and now the heating and fuel crisis. God has NOT FORSAKEN US he has been with us all through everything. God was with his people who Jeremiah was to prophesy too. When we pray to God he does listen. We always begin our prayers by asking God to Forgive us. We can then go into his holy presence in Jesus' name. We can be persistent in prayer that is what the widow in Luke 18 did kept going to the judge if that unjust judge responds to pressure how much more will a loving God respond to us. As in the hymn we have just sung 'we place into your hands the things that trouble me' and our family and friends. We don't need to keep repeating ourselves in prayer. Keep your heart open to God and you will know when to stop praying for a situation or person which has been laid on your heart because God WILL give you peace in your heart about it no matter what his answer is. Remember what God has done for you through your lives or when you came to know Jesus. When Jeremiah prophesied to his people, they did not take any notice. They blamed their forefathers and their sins. But it was their own sins which were making God Angry. God said he would put his laws in their mind and write them on their hearts. He wants our hearts and minds to be filled with his love and to trust in him to see us through this difficulty in our lives and in our nation. But we must come in prayer to him that he can turn our nation's hearts to him. Amen

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Heavenly Father thank you for giving us the gift of prayer.

We can pray for what is in our hearts.

Thank you, Father, that you have listened to the prayer of our hearts.
We asked these prayers in and through the blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ **AMEN**.

HYMN

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS,

All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit!
O what needles pain we bear!
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all sorrows share?
Jesus knows our very weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge,
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In his arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find solace there

BLESSING.

May our eyes and hearts be open to receive from our Lord and Saviour Jesus that we will believe in his Loving healing power. And tell others what Jesus has done in our Lives.