The Methodist Church

A Joint Circuit Service marking the moving of Kelsale, Knodishall, and Peasenhall Methodist Churches and Leiston United Church from Lowestoft and East Suffolk to Ipswich

Held as a drive-in service at Sibton and Peasenhall Playing Field on 12 September 2020 at 3pm

Led by The Revds Derek Grimshaw and Peter Rayson.

Safety and Covid-19 Information

Please follow the stewards' instructions at all times.

Please remain in your vehicle at all times unless you need to use the toilets.

If you do leave your vehicle, please ensure that you stay a minimum of 2m from anyone else. Walk between the front and rear of vehicles, not along the sides.

If you have a problem, please remain in your vehicle and use your hazard lights to attract the attention of a steward.

After the service, please do not move off until a steward asks you to do so.

Welcome - Revd Peter Rayson

Call to Worship - Ps 107:1-16

Hymn

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me his praises should sing. Praise him! Praise Him! Praise him! Praise Him! Praise the everlasting King!

3 Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows. In his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Praise him! Praise Him! Praise him! Praise Him! Widely yet his mercy flows!

Henry Francis Lyte

Opening prayers – Revd Peter Rayson

Hymn

1 All Heaven declares The glory of the risen Lord Who can compare With the beauty of the Lord Forever He will be The lamb upon the throne I gladly bow my knee And worship Him alone

(Repeat first verse)

Noel Richards

Reading – Exodus 3:1-17

Sermon – The Revd Helen Gardner

2 Praise him for his grace and favour to our fathers in distress. Praise him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Praise him! Praise Him! Praise him! Praise Him! Glorious in his faithfulness!

4 Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space. Praise him! Praise Him! Praise him! Praise Him! Praise with us the God of grace!

2 I will proclaim The glory of the risen Lord Who once was slain To reconcile man to God Forever You will be The lamb upon the throne I gladly bow my knee And worship You alone

Hymn

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; be all else but naught to me, save that thou artbe thou my best thought in day and the night, both waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might, be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tow'r: raise thou me heav'n-ward, Great Pow'r of my pow'r.

5 High King of heaven, O heaven's bright sun, O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won! Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all. *Trad. Irish Tr. Mary E Byrne* 2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; be thou ever with me and I with thee Lord; be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, be thou mine inheritance, now and always: be thou and thou only, the first in my heart, O sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

The transfer

Revd Peter Rayson presents Kelsale, Knodishall, Peasenhall and Leiston United Churches to Revd Derek Grimshaw

A Prayer for Kelsale, Knodishall, Peasenhall and Leiston United Churches – Revd Peter Rayson

A welcome to Kelsale, Knodishall, Peasenhall and Leiston United Churches – Revd Derek Grimshaw

Hymn

1 These are the days of Elijah, Declaring the word of the Lord And these are the days of Your servant Moses, Righteousness being restored. And though these are days of great trial, Of famine and darkness and sword, Still, we are the voice in the desert crying "Prepare ye the way of the Lord!" Behold He comes riding on the clouds, Shining like the sun at the trumpet call, Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, And out of Zion's hill salvation comes. 2 These are the days of Ezekiel, The dry bones becoming as flesh, And these are the days of Your servant David, Rebuilding a temple of praise. These are the days of the harvest, The fields are as white in Your world, And we are the labourers in Your vineyard, Declaring the word of the Lord! Behold He comes riding on the clouds, Shining like the sun at the trumpet call, Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

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3 [There's no God like Jehovah (x15)]

Prayers of intercession - Revd Derek Grimshaw

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowèd be thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done; On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand: bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side: songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.
William Williams Tr. Peter Williams

Closing Prayer – Revd Derek Grimshaw Blessing – Revd Peter Rayson Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through: strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.