



Call to worship

Hymn STF51 – Great is thy faithfulness. Watch on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLsGGPFsufQ>

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with 10, 000 beside

Prayer of Adoration

Let us list all things that were created by God we remember and praise him for that.

Lord Jesus Christ, as we adore you for who you are, and thank you for the work of your hand of forgiveness of our sins.
We have followed wrong teachings and sometimes have taught others wrong teachings forgive us .

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn STF50 – Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise. Watch on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dF5adgj00pM>

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise,
the city of our God, the holy place,
the joy of the whole Earth.
Great is the Lord in whom we have the victory,
he aids us against the enemy,
we bow down on our knees.

And Lord, we want to lift your name on high,
and Lord, we want to thank you,
for the works you've done in our lives;
and Lord, we trust in your unfailing love,
for you alone are God eternal,
throughout Earth and Heaven above.

Bible Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

Hymn STF666 – Master speak! Thy servant heareth Watch on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=raPJHiezEhw>

Master, speak! thy servant heareth,
waiting for thy gracious word,
longing for thy voice that cheereth,
Master, let it now be heard.
I am list'ning, Lord, for thee;
what hast thou to say to me?

Master, speak! tho' least and lowest,
let me not unheard depart;
Master, speak! for oh, thou knowest
all the yearning of my heart,
knowest all its truest need;
speak! and make me blest indeed.

Speak to me by name, O Master,
let me know it is to me;
speak, that I may follow faster,
with a step more firm and free,
where the Shepherd leads the flock,
in the shadow of the Rock!

Master, speak! and make me ready,
when thy voice is truly heard,
with obedience glad and steady,
still to follow ev'ry word.
I am listening, Lord, for thee:
Master, speak, oh speak to me!

Reflections on the Theme God's plan and purpose with creation

God created everything for himself and for his glory. Everything was in his mind before the foundations of everything. The writer of the book of Ephesians is responding to the wrong teachings, which was in the church. The Gnosticism teaching of double predestination was misleading the people. It was teaching that both good and bad co existed and was double predestined from the beginning.

This was contrary to the word of God.

The word hamartia in Greek means that we missed the mark in Adam and Eve.

In love, God predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ in accordance with his pleasure and will.

The Holy Spirit gives us security and assurance of our identity in Christ as the chosen one of God.

Therefore, we should praise God for spiritual blessings in Christ. Amen

Prayer of Intercession

Let us pray for our country, the UK, and the people in a position of authority and influence. Let us pray for the victims of war and disasters throughout the world. Let us pray for the sick we may remember and for the vulnerable in our communities.

Hymn STF409 – Let us build a house

Watch on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FhPnjA7wsIY>

Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live

A place where saints and children tell

How hearts learn to forgive

Built of hopes and dreams and visions

Rock of faith and vault of grace

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions

All are welcome, all are welcome

All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,

where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness

and as symbol of God's grace;

here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.

All are welcome, all are welcome,

all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:

a banquet hall on holy ground

where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus,

is revealed in time and space;

as we share in Christ the feast that frees us.

All are welcome, all are welcome,

all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone

to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,

and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger

bear the image of God's face;

let us bring an end to fear and danger.

All are welcome, all are welcome,

all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard

and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,

prayers of faith and songs of grace,

let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.

All are welcome, all are welcome,

all are welcome in this place.

Dismissal