

09:30 Zoom Service	10:30 Service
Welcome	Welcome
Call to worship	Call to worship
Song – Spirit of the Living God https://youtu.be/BagH-zTfnsQ	Song – CH4 619 Spirit of the Living God
Bible verse [ESV] Acts 7:51-59	Bible Verse [ESV] Acts 7:51-59
Prayer and Lord’s Prayer	Prayer and Lord’s Prayer
--	Song – Once again https://youtu.be/ebFjj3n0cCA
Reflection	Reflection
--	Offering – Leaning on your everlasting arms https://youtu.be/NibfmCZ4G5k
Prayer for others	Prayer for others
Song – Leaning on the everlasting arms https://youtu.be/SxPgfNsRdws	Song – Leaning on the everlasting arms https://youtu.be/SxPgfNsRdws
Benediction	Benediction
Grace	Grace
Close	Close

Theme:

Service

Welcome

Call to worship

Psalm 136:1–3

L: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

All: for his steadfast love endures forever.

L: Give thanks to the God of gods,

All: for his steadfast love endures forever.

L: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

All: for his steadfast love endures forever.

Song - CH4 619 Spirit of the Living God

Bible verse (on screen)

Acts 7: 51-59

⁵¹ "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵² Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³ you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

The Stoning of Stephen

⁵⁴ Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together^[a] at him. ⁵⁸ Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

Prayer & Lord's prayer

Everlasting God, Creator of all that is seen and unseen, You are the same today as you were the day you created this world. Your constancy and faithfulness is tried and true, You hold us in the palm of your hand, And know us each by name. Steadfast in life's storms, blessed be your name.

Lord God, we are fickle creatures, We call on your name and get impatient as we wait on you. Instead of drawing closer, we pull away. Yet you love us all the same. Steadfast in our weak times, blessed be your name.

Loving parent, you came to earth to be with us, To show your love in it's fullness through your son Jesus Christ. Glory to you and to your son. You gave us the Holy Spirit knowing we'd need your strength, Comfort and guidance while we wait for Jesus to return. Steadfast in your promises, blessed be your name.

Everlasting God, bring us to the cross now, Helps us to lay down our burdens, Confess our sins, To look to you for continued guidance, Especially while the world wrestles for our time and attention. Let us see that even though we might feel there is no turning back to you, That there is no room for change, No possibility of starting over again, Or to be able to get away from the wrongs we have made, You Lord God, made sure we always had a way back to you, through Jesus' death and resurrection. Your steadfast character confirms time after time, your love for your people. Lord God, blessed be you name.

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory,
For ever. Amen

Song (not zoom) - Once again - <https://youtu.be/ebFjj3n0cCA>

Reflection – theme: Looking to the cross

Offering (not zoom) - Leaning on your everlasting arms - <https://youtu.be/NibfmCZ4G5k>

Prayers for others

Lord God Almighty, we come to you to intercede for others and for ourselves.

In your mighty name, Hear our prayer.

Lord at a time when so many are preparing to struggle in the coming months, No money, No heating, No food. We pray that you send comfort and sustenance. We pray that communities are able to pull together to look out for each other. We ask that services such as food banks, heat banks, counselling, debt support Are all able to cope to support those that need it. That through our churches, we can show good examples of Christ's love and compassion To those that come to us for it. In your mighty name, hear our prayer.

For the many wars, police actions and military fighting that is happening in this world, Help those in power to work for peace, true peace where people don't need to fear for their lives. Let us look at the fighting that is

happening and see there is enough upset and fear in this world. Let us take our own grievances, dislikes and hatred and see we can do more good in our communities, churches and families, by laying them down and looking for ways to live and work together. In your mighty name, hear our prayer.

Christ our cornerstone, our strong foundation, Our prayer today is that more people hear of your love, That people see each others differences, but through the truth of your word Our lives become an example of faith in action. Examples of true Christ like love and care for one another. In your mighty name, hear our prayer.

For those that struggle, let your spirit bring strength, For those that mourn, let your spirit bring comfort, For those that yearn for peace, send your spirit to help them endure, For those that abuse and cause pain, we ask Lord for justice, For those that are struggling with change, we ask Lord that you make the path clear. In your mighty name, and that of your son Jesus Christ, hear our prayer, Amen.

Song – Leaning on the everlasting arms - <https://youtu.be/SxPgfnSRdws>

Benediction

May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith—that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Grace