

ORCHARDLEA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 24 May 2026
with Rev Gillian Rooney

ALL ARE WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, Spirit of joy!

All: Fill us and send us out with good news.

One: Come, Spirit of peace!

All: Fill us and make us a blessing across barriers.

One: Come, Spirit of gentleness!

All: Fill us and empower us to live your kingdom way.

Hymn GWA 199 How good it is

O how good it is when the family of God
dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity;
where the bonds of peace, acceptance and
love
are the fruit of his presence here among us.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
and with one voice we'll live out his word;
till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has
come,
for he dwells in the presence of his people.*

Oh how good it is on this journey we share
to rejoice with the happy, and weep with
those who mourn;
for the weak find strength, the afflicted find
grace,
when we offer the blessing of belonging.

Oh how good it is to embrace his
command
to prefer one another, forgive as he
forgives;
when we live as one, we all share in the
love
Of the Son, with the Father, and the
Spirit.

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people.*

Words and music: Stuart Townend (Scotland)

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

The Spirit lives to set us free,
walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity,
walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light,
walk in the light,
walk in the light,
walk in the light of the Lord.*

Jesus promised life to all,
walk, walk in the light.
he dead were wakened by his call,
walk, walk in the light.

We know His death was not the end,
walk, walk in the light.
He gave His Spirit to be our friend,
walk, walk in the light.

The Spirit lives in you and me,
walk, walk in the light.
His light will shine for all to see,
walk, walk in the light.

*Christopher Tambling | Damian Lundy
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All Age Time

HYMN - CH4 189

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found —
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight —
our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace:
no work too hard for him —
in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

David J. Evans (b. 1957)

Reading acts Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Sermon

Hymn CH4 167

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 till my want is o'er.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

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.

William Williams (1717–1791)
translated Peter Williams (1727–1796)

Baptism and Membership

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. Amen.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENTS PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Hymn - Ch4 127 O worship the king

O worship the King all glorious above;
O gratefully sing His power and His love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of His might,
O sing of His grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
it breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
in Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn Thee above,
the humbler creation, in lowlier ways,
with true adoration shall sing to Thy praise,

Benediction

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