

Song

O Lord, my God, when I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

Then sings my soul ...

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul...

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim: my God, how great Thou art.

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Welcome to Church@TheGreen, a new church for the new community of Arborfield Green established by the existing Churches of Arborfield and Barkham. At the heart of our church family life is a trust in the living God who has revealed himself in Jesus Christ and who still speaks to us through his Word, the Bible. If you are visiting us, please fill in a visitor form (for the purposes of track and trace) and do introduce yourself to Piers (Minister) or Phil (Ministry Trainee).

Today we are beginning a new short series on adoption and Piers will be speaking on knowing God as our Father. Due to lockdown, there will be no children's group due to tier 4 restrictions.

WELCOME – Joël Carle

Confession

God our Father,
if we say that we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us:
if we confess our sins,
you will keep your promise
and do what is right
and you will forgive us our sins,
and cleanse us from every kind of wrong:
Father, have mercy on us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Romans 8:1-4, 14

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.

And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

Reading – John 5:16-23

¹⁶ So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. ¹⁷ In his defence Jesus said to them, ‘My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.’ ¹⁸ For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

¹⁹ Jesus gave them this answer: ‘Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed. ²¹ For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. ²² Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all may honour the Son just as they honour the Father. Whoever does not honour the Son does not honour the Father, who sent him.

Sermon – Piers Bickersteth

Song

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they
think you're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the
dead of night
And you tell me that you're pleased
And that I'm never alone

You're a Good, Good Father
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you
are
And I'm loved by you
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers
far and wide
But I know we're all searching
For answers only you provide
'Cause you know just what we need
Before we say a word

You're a Good, Good Father...

'Cause you are perfect in all of your ways
You are perfect in all of your ways
You are perfect in all of your ways to us
(repeat)

You are perfect in all of your ways
You are perfect in all of your ways
You are perfect in all of your ways to us

Oh, it's love so undeniable
I, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable
I, I can hardly think

As you call me deeper still
As you call me deeper still
As you call me deeper still
Into love, love, love

You're a Good, Good Father...

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The Word at Work

Prayers

Song

Hold the power of the universe in your hand
Hold the words that shaped the sky and sea
and land
The King has given words to us, to tell us
what he's like
Open up your ears and let his Spirit strike

It's a light and a hammer
It's a fire and a sword
It's the voice of our Father
The word of the Lord
The blade of the Spirit can cut to the soul
And God will use it to make us whole

Hear the news of the promised king who
came to save
Hear the news of Jesus who rose from the
grave
Our King has come to live on earth and
rescue us from sin
Open up your mind and let his Spirit in

It's a light and a hammer ...

Know the name of Jesus Christ that makes us
new
Know the Son of God, the Word whose word
is true
Our King has spoken to us, so there is no
place for pride
He gives hearts of flesh and changes us inside

It's a light and a hammer...

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