**WESTFIELD EVENING SERVICE SUNDAY 6:30pm – 7 March 2021**

**1/. Opening Welcome and Prayer.** We welcome everyone to our in-formal service and hope that the content is enjoyed by all, to the glory of God.

A Daily Thanksgiving Prayer

Dear God, Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! In Jesus' Name, Amen

(Debbie McDaniel)

First let’s open up with that famous hymn “Be Thou My Vision”

**2/. YouTube Video** > type in *"Be Thou My Vision – Elenyi version."* The video to select is the one that is 4:54 mins \ secs long and by ElenyiMusic.

Now for a quiet time of reflection as we look at some more of Gods beautiful creation.

**3/. YouTube Video** > type in *"Springtime on the mountains (HD1080p”). The* video to select is 6:30 mins \ secs long and by MrBangthamai.

Hope you enjoyed that one, so what is it about mountains and how they seem to have an impact on human beings. Think how mountains were used and mentioned in the Bible? Has anyone ever had a mountain top experience?

**4/. Our 1st Bible Reading** - Now let’s read the first nine verses of Psalm 136:

**Psalm 136** (New International Version)

**1**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. *His love endures forever.*
**2**Give thanks to the God of gods. *His love endures forever.*
**3**Give thanks to the Lord of lords: *His love endures forever.*

**4**to him who alone does great wonders, *His love endures forever.*
**5**who by his understanding made the heavens, *His love endures forever.*
**6**who spread out the earth upon the waters, *His love endures forever.*
**7**who made the great lights— *His love endures forever.*
**8**the sun to govern the day, *His love endures forever.*
**9**the moon and stars to govern the night; *His love endures forever.*

So this is a Psalm reminding us of the magnificence of God, His omnipotence and the infinite expanse of His love. Let’s now hear a song from Chris Tomlin expressing the enduring love of God, as revealed by Psalm 136.

**5/. YouTube Video** > type in *"Chris Tomlin – Forever (Lyrics)"* The video to select is the one that is 5:26 mins \ secs long. It is by MattStone712.

**6/. Time of Reflection** – let us have a quiet moment now thinking about the people that are dear to us and those who have had a positive influence on us in our lives. Give thanks to God in your heart for these people.

Now a short video about Michael Franzese who because of Jesus was transformed from a New York mobster to a Christian evangelist.

**7/. YouTube Video** > type in *“From New York mobster to Christian evangelist – Amazing testimony”* The video to select is the one that is 5:55 mins \ secs long, and by Premier on Demand.

What can we say about the healing power of Jesus. The hardest of hearts can be transformed by the love of the Lord. Praise Jesus!

Now an old time favourite hymn:

**8/.You Tube Video** > type in *"All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name (Diadem)” -* The video to select is 4:49 mins \ secs long and by First-Plymouth Church Lincoln Nebraska.

Gosh, don’t know about you but that hymn raises the hairs on the back of my neck! Thank you Mr Edward Perronet.

**9/. Our 2nd Bible Reading** - please read Luke 10 38-42.

**At the Home of Martha and Mary**

*38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. 40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”*

*41 “Martha, Martha,”the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things,42 but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”*

(NIV)

Now lets watch a video about Mary and Martha.

**10/. YouTube Video** > Type in *"Mary and Martha, Disciples of Christ"* The video to select is 9:39 mins long, and by Messages of Christ.

What can we learn from both Mary and Martha? How gracious was Jesus to them?

Now another song from the The Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir (I believe people enjoyed their video we played in last month’s service). Well another Psalm song, but this month its about Psalm 23.

**11/. You Tube Video >** Type in *"Psalm 23 – (Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy)”.* Select the video which is 8:59 mins \ secs long and by Matthew Grant.

**12/. Now our closing Prayer:**

Dear Father, we thank you again for our service tonight. We remember your world right now Lord, and thank you for the vaccines many people are receiving in many nations across your world, to fight this pandemic. We thank you for the scientists who produced the vaccines, for those who transport them and for those who administer them. We pray the vaccines will greatly impact your world by saving many lives, giving better quality of life to many, and will help to save peoples jobs, too. We especially remember people on your planet who live where it is very hard to live already (and this before the pandemic) because of war and conflict, because of other diseases, because of persecution, poverty, famine and natural disasters and manmade disasters. May these people not be forgotten and receive love, help and support to alleviate their problems, as well as Covid-19. And Lord we thank you for your loving healing power that transforms people like Michael Franzese, who we saw in our service tonight. Use Michael, Father to save many souls. We bring all these prayers in the beautiful name of our Saviour King Jesus. Amen.

….and now our closing song, another Gaither version of a song made special by Vestal Goodman.

**13/. YouTube Video***>* Type in *“ Vestal Goodman – What A Lovely Name”* Look for the video which is 3:59 mins \ secs long and by Gaither Music TV.

***14/. The Grace*** *-* May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and forever. Amen.

Thank you, we hope you enjoyed our informal service. God bless you, and we send you our sincere love, in Christ, Glynis and Neil.

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**Basil’s memories (33)**

We’d spent 10 days in glorious Sydney and we were booked to fly at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15th September to Honolulu in Hawaii. The flight was timed for about 9 hours. When we arrived in Honolulu it was 9.15am on Tuesday 15th September!! The International Date Line passes through the middle of the Pacific Ocean and waves a little around the many islands. That’s why Fiji or Sydney has New Years Eve before us. You don’t have many weeks with two Tuesdays. It was hot and the temperature when we arrived was 104 degrees – we think it’s hot at 80! We went direct to our accommodation on the seafront at Waikiki, it seemed strange to see business men and women in Hawaiian shirts and shorts and every body else. It was definitely siesta time. Too hot to eat so most restaurants were closed at lunch time. We walked (slowly) over the lovely sea front which stretched from Honolulu for a few miles to the mountain of Diamond Head where millions of old lava chips glisten like diamonds. The whole beach was lined with coconut palms and surprisingly cold showers for general use. Of course surfers abound amongst the powerful Pacific waves. We found the boat harbour and booked our place for a voyage to Pearl Harbour where the Japanese attacked the American fleet in 1941 (we were there in 1981).

 Many of the sunken and seriously damaged vessels were still in place including the U.S.S Arizona battleship clearly visible through the pure harbour waters. Considered a war grave it is maintained and a national memorial as a bridge over the wreck bearing the names of all those killed in the attack – U.S and Japanese.

 The Hawaiian flag is unique in that although it is the 50th U.S State the top left hand corner, instead of the stars has a Union Jack, in remembrance of Captain Cook who discovered the Friendly Isles and planted the first flag. There are Hawaiian dances taking place all over the area many on permanent stages. There is something different about the way the local girls move their hands or maybe their wrists to simple strumming of one or two guitars (no drums, except the sound box of the guitars). Although it was almost unbearably hot we thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Hawaii especially on the Sunday. We went to the ‘Cathedral’ of Honolulu in the company of the Queen of Hawaii, who showed us around after the service. She was of the royal Hawaiian family by birth and still recognised as such by the locals, even though she was happy to join with the other ladies maintaining the witness, very simply. It was a very good multi-language service. Not quit the end – hang on for Disney!! *BPH*