**WESTFIELD EVENING SERVICE SUNDAY 6:30pm – 4 July 2021**

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for this wonderful day that you have made. I thank you for my life and the lives of my loved ones. I thank you Father for your presence In my life. For the confidence I have in you and the plans you have for me. I thank you for the immeasurable amount of love you have for me, and how comforting it is to know that your Spirit is always with me. I thank you Lord for all the big and small wins that I attain daily by the strength of your Spirit. Thank you for the things in my life that I take for granted sometimes. I thank you for a roof over my head, food to eat and clothes to wear. I recognize that these things are all a gift from you, and I'm ever grateful. May I develop an attitude of thanks in all circumstances Lord. I pray that I'll continue to remember that all things work together for good. Thank you Father, I love you. In Jesus' name, Amen. (Socialkermit)

Now our first song:

**2/. YouTube Video** > type in *“Will Your Anchor Hold in the Storms of Life”* The video to select is 3:46 mins \ secs long and by Thenba.

Well there is something special about lakes and how they show God's beauty. Here is a video that shows some of the most beautiful lakes in the world:

**3/. YouTube Video** > type in *"10 Most Beautiful Lakes on Planet Earth.” The* video to select is 6:08 mins \ secs long and by 4 Ever Green.

So what do we think about those lakes shown, and there was one from England as well - great! Why do you think God gave us beautiful scenery to enjoy? What does this say about His Heart?

**4/. Our 1st Bible Reading > Psalm 18: verses 1 to 6, then 46 to 50**

(For the director of music. Of David the servant of the Lord. He sang to the Lord the words of this song when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. He said):

### ***1 I love you, Lord, my strength. 2 The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. 3 I called to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I have been saved from my enemies. 4 The cords of death entangled me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me. 5 The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me. 6 In my distress I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears.***

### ***46 The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Saviour! 47 He is the God who avenges me, who subdues nations under me, 48 who saves me from my enemies. You exalted me above my foes; from a violent man you rescued me. 49 therefore I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing the praises of your name. 50 He gives his king great victories; he shows unfailing love to his anointed, to David and to his descendants forever.***  *(NIV)*

**5/. Time of Reflection** – what is your favourite Psalm and why? Thank God in your heart for the way the Psalms encourage and uplift us. Why not try to read one Psalm per day for the next 150 days.

Now time for a bit of African:

**6/. YouTube Video** > type in *‘He Arose / Advent Harmon Choir****'*** The video to select is the one that is 3:51 mins \ secs long, and by 2 CBN TV.

Now a very strong testimony about another Muslim woman who encounters Jesus.

**7/.You Tube Video >** type in *"I audibly heard the voice of Christ - Muslim Woman Encounters Jesus"* The video to select is 10:49 mins \ secs long and by 700 Club Interactive. Please just watch the first half of the video up to the end of the Muslim ladies testimony \*\*\* which is up to about 6:03 mins \ secs of the whole video. \*\*\*\*\*

Isn't it the case (and wonderful!) that Jesus loves all people whatever religion they may have been brought up in. He also loves people who even choose not to believe in Him or who choose not to have any type of faith.

**8/.You Tube Video** *> type in “Give Me Joy in My Heart (Sing Hosanna)"* The video to select is 2:24 mins \ secs long and by Chet Valley Churches.

Now for our second Bible Reading about The Prodigal Son (well actually it’s a video from the film 'Jesus of Nazareth'!) Let’s listen to the parable of The Prodigal Son:

**9/. YouTube Video** > Type in *"Parable of The Prodigal Son from the film Jesus of Nazareth"* The video to select is 6:03 mins \ secs long, and by Goldenlight.

What can we learn from this parable. Some people even feel sympathy for the older brother. What about the gracious Father in the story and his attitude towards both sons. What can we learn from this gracious Father?

**10/. You Tube Video >** Type in *"Chris Tomlin - How Great is our God (lyrics and chords)”* Select the video which is 5:05 mins \ secs long and by christomlinmusic.

That is an amazing song. Thinking about it - is it possible in our lifetime to give God the due praise, honour and adoration He would be entitled to from us. In what ways can we do this other than with words from our lips. Think about some of the amazing things people from The Bible did for God - what actions stick out in your mind, and who sticks out in your mind?

Now a bit of classical music for us to enjoy from John Barry called 'Crazy Dog'. I like John Barry, and this is a nice bit of music which I find relaxing. Hope you like it too!

**11/. You Tube Video** > Type in *"John Barry - Crazy Dog"* The video to select is the one that is 3:04 mins \ secs long, and by Silverfox55.

We thank God for the pleasure our pets give us.

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

Dear Father

We thank you again for this special time together. Lord, as we shortly go on our way we remember people in the world tonight who are hungry, who are cold, who are lonely, who are poorly, who are homeless, who are tired, who are persecuted, and who are distressed. We pray for the many individuals, charities and organisations who are working on the fronline to bring relief, comfort and hope to these people. We pray for the many missionaries and philanthropists who are trying to make a difference, and especially those working where there is violence and danger. We pray for the World Church and the many ministries that are being carried out in the name of King Jesus to better peoples lives. Lord, we ask that your hand of protection be on all these people and may your Kingdom grow and your name be raised high through the love and grace of all such good work. To the glory of Christ. Amen

Lets finish with an old favourite famous hymn:

**13/. YouTube Video***>* Type in "CWM Rhondda Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

Look for the video which is 2:58 mins \ secs long and by HIMmaachen.

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