**WESTFIELD EVENING SERVICE SUNDAY 6:30pm – 3 October 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 Prayer of Thanksgiving

Dear Father,

God, thank You for this day! Thank You for the birds and the animals, the flowers and the trees, the lakes and the streams, and the sun that rises and sets over them each day. Thank You for creating everything we see! Thank You for the life we live, and for making each person different. Thank You for Jesus, who died for us so that we can go to heaven one day just for believing in Him. What an amazing God You are! In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

(Meg Bucher)

First let’s open up with a well known and loved hymn:

**2/. YouTube Video** > type in *"Who is on the Lord's Side."* The video to select is the one that is 6:20 mins \ secs long by Sacred Song.

There is something about sunrises and sunsets don't you think? These settings can be extra special, and I am sure some can be very spiritual and help us sense the wonder of God. So lets look at some breathtaking sunrises.

**3/. YouTube Video** > type in *"The Top Ten Beautiful Sunrises from Around the World”* Please select the video which is 3:31 mins \ secs long and by The Top Ten.

Hope you enjoyed that, can you remember a special sunrise \ sunset moment in your life.

**4/. Our 1st Bible Reading** - Now let’s read Psalm 46, that reminds us of God's omnipotence.

**1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**

**2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way, and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, 3 though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. 5 God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. 6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. 7 The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. 8 Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. 9 He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. 10 He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” 11 The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

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Now a wonderful version of "I stand in Awe of You" by Beth Croft

**5/. YouTube Video** > type in *"I stand in Awe of You - Beth Croft (lyrics on screen)"* The video to select is the one that is 4:18 mins \ secs long.

**6/. Time of Reflection** – so we are in a season when we are remembering Harvest Time and the goodness and generosity of God through His gifts to us. Let us have a quiet moment now thinking about all of our daily privileges and how this is especially evident through His bountiful Harvest blessings of food and produce in our lives.

Let's have a Harvest hymn:

**7/. YouTube Video** > type in “*Come Ye Thankful People Come –”* (Tune: St George's Windsor-4vv).The video to select is the one that is 2:55 mins \ secs long, and by Chet Valley Churches.

Its time for a fine Testimony from a former hardline Iranian Muslim who after being a fervent Muslim in Iran later recognised that Christianity was the true faith, and now ministers to Iranians as a servant of Jesus.

**8/.You Tube Video** > type in "*Ex-Muslim sparks Christian revival in IRAN, fastest growth in world*" The video to select is 11:18 mins \ secs long and by 100huntley.

Wow what a Testimony, and yes great things are happening in Iran right now - do pray for the church in this country and the Christians there, especially those who are persecuted.

**9/. Our 2nd Bible Reading** - please read Philippians 4 verses 4 to 7

**4 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.**

**(New International Version)**

This is one Glynis's and mine's favourite pieces of Scripture and has been a great strength to us particularly earlier this year when Glynis' daughter became hospitalised.

**10/. YouTube Video** > Type in *"Regent Square Lord of Beauty, Thine the Splendour"* The video to select is 2:29 mins long, and by mkariobangi

Let us now watch a short video (taken from Genesis 32/33) about the time when Jacob meets Esau in the wilderness and there is a beautiful scene of reconciliation between these two brothers.

**11/. You Tube Video >** Type in *"Jacob Meets With Esau”.* Select the video which is 4:53 mins \ secs long and by Godsgrazingfield.

What do we think about the grace shown by Esau to Jacob. If you get chance this week read the full story from Genesis. What can we learn from this 'story of grace'. How can we show more grace to people in our lives?

Now a lovely song "Safe in the Hands of Jesus" There are no lyrics shown in this video but I am sure you can still follow it - the words of this song are quite uplifting.

**12/. You Tube Video >** Type in *"Harvest Celebration -Safe in the Arms of Jesus”.* Select the video which is 3:34 mins \ secs long and by Eduardo Olazaran.

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

Dear Father, we thank you again for our service tonight. And right now we remember to you people across the world who need our prayers. Be with all those who are still very poorly with COVID-19, their loved ones and the medical workers who are trying to help them. We pray for people who have lost their jobs this last 18 months, people who are in financial turmoil, people who are depressed and where marriages and relationships may have broken down, because of this terrible pandemic. Guide your church at this difficult time as many people look to the church for help and inspiration. Lord help us - yes us - when we may be given an opportunity to encourage a family member, a neighbour, a friend or work colleague, or even someone we don't know who are asking questions about faith. Help us to tell them that Jesus is the answer. In the precious and most beautiful name of the same Lord Jesus we bring you this prayer, Amen.

And now our closing song, which we believe you will like:

**14/. YouTube Video***>* Type in *“ Goodness of God (Lyrics) ~ Bethel Music"* Look for the video which is 5:04 mins \ secs long and by music meets heaven.

***15/. 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. `