



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 21st June 2026

MORNING WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

led by The Revd Erna Stevenson and The Revd Ian Green

Organist: Richard Brazier

Wherever you are on the journey of faith, you are invited to receive communion.

If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, please let them pass by without embarrassment.

If you are able, please stand for those parts of the service marked with an asterisk ()*

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

* **Hymn:** All of life is filled with wonder Tune: Ode to Joy

During which the Bible is placed in the pulpit

**1 All of life is filled with wonder, so we thank you, God of love —
For the crash of evening thunder,
clearing clouds, then stars above;
For the night that turns to glowing as we feel the morning mist,
God, we praise and thank you
knowing every day we're truly blessed.**

**2 For the joy of daily waking, for the gift of each new day,
For the smell of fresh bread baking,
for the sound of children's play,
For the ways we seek to serve you as we work and volunteer,
God we humbly praise and thank you
for your presence with us here.**

**3 For the ways we're blessed with plenty
love and laughter, neighbours, friends,
Nature's wonders, seasons' bounty, life in you that never ends,
For the ones who've gone before us,
giving witness to your way
We rejoice in all you give us every moment, every day.**

**4 For your love in times of trouble,
for your peace when things are tough,
For your help when hardships double,
for your grace that is enough,
For a stranger's gentle kindness, for a doctor's healing skill**

**God, we thank you that you bless us,
and you bless your world as well.**

**5 For the baby in the manger, for the cross and empty tomb,
For each time a searching stranger
finds at church a welcome home,
For your kingdom's great surprises
poor ones lifted, lost ones found
God, we thank you!
Hope still rises, for your gifts of grace abound.**

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Opening Responses *based on Psalm 86*

Minister: Lord, you are our God!

All: To you we lift our hearts.

Minister: Lord, you are kind and forgiving

All: Full of love towards all who cry to you.

Minister: Lord, you are great and your works are wonderful,

All: You alone are God!

Minister: We shall praise you Lord, our God with all our hearts

All: and give honour to your name forever.

Minister: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Opening Prayers of Praise, Confession and Lord's Prayer followed by Welcome and Notices

* **Hymn:** When Jesus called you Father *Tune R&S 127 Cruger*

**I When Jesus called you "Father" in teaching folks to pray,
And when he said we're children who need to trust your way,
O God, he knew your closeness, your guidance from above.
Perhaps in Joseph's caring, he'd learned to trust your love.**

**2 Some cannot call you Father; they will not use that name.
The fathers they have known here have caused them fear and pain;
And though you're like a father, you're like a mother, too.
No single name can ever tell all we know of you.**

**3 Yet Jesus in his teaching described a father's joy
When, at his son's returning, he ran to greet the boy.
O God, when we have hurt you and struggled on our own,
Just like that loving parent, you run to bring us home.**

**4 O God, you seek to save us, no matter what the cost;
Our Father, your intention is no one will be lost.
As Jesus called you "Abba," and trusted in your plans,
We trust in you to guide us! Our lives are in your hands.**

**5 You hold your children's future when all will be made new.
Your house has many dwellings so we may live with you.
Just like a loving father, you answer when we pray.
In thanks, may we your children now follow you each day.**

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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Readings: Genesis 21:1-2, 8-21 p.15 OT
Matthew 10:28-39 p.9 NT *Today's reader is Judy Cyster*

Sermon

followed by Silent Reflection. Sermon notes are available as you leave and on the church website

*** Hymn 353:** There's a wideness in God's mercy *Tune: Corvedale*

Prayers of Intercession

*** Hymn 342:** Let us break bread together

THE COMMUNION

***The Peace** *all standing*

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: and also with you.

Minister: We say for one another:

All: **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore.**

***The Offertory Procession**

Minister: We give thanks to God and sing:
**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

***Prayer of Dedication and Invitation to Communion**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: Therefore with all your people in heaven and on
earth we sing the resounding hymn of your glory:
**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Sung: 13 in heaven and earth are full of your glory.
hymn book Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution and Sharing of the bread and wine

Post Communion Prayer

**All: Thank you Lord for feeding us at your table with spiritual food.
As we go from here help us
to become better followers of your word
with all its cost and all its joy.
Help us to be servants in the service of others,
that your Kingdom may come and your will be done.**

***Hymn 530: Living God your joyful Spirit**

***Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen** *All Standing*

Morning Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after the service – all welcome