



Circuit Contact

Welcome to our Circuit Worship for
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Worship in the following locations:

Circuit Service at Wellspring Methodist Church, Cheadle - With Rev Julie Hassall and Rev Denise Williamson



Welcome to this week's Bulletin Worship. I pray that it finds you well and content. If this is not the case, I pray that, during this time set aside for worship, you will feel the presence of the Holy Spirit, and the fellowship of all those across the circuit who will be sharing in this time spent with our Lord, and that you will feel surrounded by his love and grace.

Hymn: (StF 661) Give me the faith [Give me the faith that can remove StF 661 - YouTube](#)

Prayer: Loving, living God we want to praise you and demonstrate our love for you to the whole world. Thank you that you have called us and already forgiven us for all those times when we have turned away from your service or not maintained the promises we made when we first stepped out in faith. Help us to open our hearts and minds to your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love and serve both you and your people, wherever they may be. `in the name of Jesus, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: (StF 611) Brother, sister let me serve you [Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You \(The Servant Song\) \[with lyrics for congregations\]](#)

Let's take a few moments to bring before God those people and situations of concern, and to thank him for the blessings and joys you hold dear.

Readings: Romans 8 v1 – 4 [Romans 8:1-4 NIV - Life Through the Spirit - Therefore, - Bible Gateway](#)
Romans 8 v28 – 35 [Romans 8:28-35 NIV - And we know that in all things God - Bible Gateway](#)

During this quarter I have found myself drawn inexorably to this letter from Paul to the church in Rome. Perhaps this is because various sections of the letter have been included in the set (Lectionary) readings for so many weeks since June. This has taken me back to the time when I was training to be a Local Preacher and found myself surrounded by the promise that nothing can separate us from the love of God, and that those who live for Jesus, will be more than conquerors. If I have preached in your church in the last few weeks, you may remember that 'More than Conquerors' has been my theme and focus. Now, there can be no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

In one of his sermons, John Wesley, addressed the issue of 'The almost Christian.' This person, he says, undertakes all the expected visible duties of a Christian, in terms of attending church services, taking on duties to enable the church to operate and to thrive, is diligent in making sure that all activities and services are prepared properly, but has not yet given his/her heart to Jesus. I well remember a member of a particular congregation a few years ago sharing with me how serious illness had brought him to realise that his whole life had been passionately dedicated to the church and to all such activities and how, even at this late stage in life, he had finally given whatever was left of it to living for Jesus.

In Paul's letter, as in so much of the New Testament, the emphasis is upon absolute and total dedication to serving God's Kingdom, through such things as prayer, self-denial, stewardship of our resources, Bible study, worship, and all those things that we pledge ourselves to when we become members of the Methodist Church. Indeed, we rededicate ourselves during each Covenant service. And the basis of all these activities is loving God, and loving each other in all circumstances, and reaching out to the world in his love.

You may wish to take a few moments here to examine your personal relationship with God, and to consider where you stand in his service. If this causes you to consider offering a greater witness for God's Kingdom, or a deeper relationship with him, why not tell him in your own words and prayers, and/or seek support and fellowship from a Church Steward, our Ministers, or a Local Preacher. The world needs those who will stand up for Jesus, by sharing his love and grace.

Hymn: (StF 442) Beneath the cross of Jesus [Beneath the Cross of Jesus \(Tune: St Christopher - 4vv\) \[with lyrics for congregations\] - YouTube](#)

Benediction: May the grace of the risen Lord Jesus Christ, the power and love of the Creator, and the fellowship and urging of the Holy Spirit surround and hold us fast, as we step out in love and service to share, as more than conquerors, the invitation to God's Kingdom. Amen