

# **ORCHARDLEA COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Sunday 10 May 2026  
Welcome to Orchardlea Community  
Church**

## **ALL ARE WELCOME**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, people of God! The risen Christ has a message for you:

1: Grace to you, and peace

2: and grace to you, and peace!

Leader: From God who calls us, and calls us beloved: grace and peace,

1: sisters and brothers

2: brothers and sisters

All: our love overflowing out into our world.

### **Hymn CH4 198 Let us build a house**

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive;  
built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Let us build a house  
where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space,  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured taught and  
claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

### **Chorus**

All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

# Prayer & Lord's Prayer

HYMN - GWA 199 How good it is

O how good it is when the family of God dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity; where the bonds of peace, acceptance and love are the fruit of his presence here among us.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,  
and with one voice we'll live out his word;  
till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come,  
for he dwells in the presence of his people.*

.Oh how good it is on this journey we share to rejoice with the happy, and weep with those who mourn;  
for the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,  
when we offer the blessing of belonging.

Oh how good it is to embrace his command to prefer one another, forgive as he forgives; when we live as one, we all share in the love Of the Son, with the Father, and the Spirit.

Words and music: Stuart Townend (Scotland)

## All Age Time

**HYMN** - LEONI 6.6.8.4 ("The God of Abraham Praise")

No longer Jew or Greek, no longer slave or free —  
In you, O Christ, we're given wondrous unity.  
Here in your church we learn that nothing can divide;  
Here men and women, called by God, serve side by side.

No longer in your church should there be rich or poor —  
You taught us kingdom values worth our struggling for.  
Here some have wealth to give, and some, great faith to share.  
The life we live together is an answered prayer.

No longer left or right, defending our own case —

O God, we're sinners in your sight, in need of grace.

The common bond we know is Christ who sets us free;

In Christ we live and love and grow in unity.

O God, we look around and know (each one) our guilt;

By your own Spirit, now break down the walls we've built.

When we were all baptized, we died to our old ways;

A church diverse, yet one in Christ, we give you praise.

**2005 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette.**

## **Reading** Philippians 1:1-18a

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons:  
Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.

Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear. It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defence of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached.

## **Sermon**

## CH4 154 O Lord my God

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

When through the woods and forest glades I  
wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look up from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

And when I think that God his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die — I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shout of  
acclamation  
and take me home — what joy shall fill  
my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, my God, how great  
thou art!

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to  
thee,  
How great thou art, how great thou art!  
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thee,  
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

Stuart K. Hine (1899–1989)  
vv. 1,2,4 based on *O store Gud* 1885 by  
Carl Gustaf Boberg (1859–1940)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS OFFERING PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

## Hymn - At the name of Jesus

At the name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him  
King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure  
we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning  
was the mighty Word.

Brothers, sisters, name him  
with love strong as death,  
but with awe and wonder  
and with bated breath!  
He is God the Saviour,  
he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped,  
trusted, and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him;  
there let him subdue  
all that is not holy,  
all that is not true:  
let his grace support you  
in temptation's hour;  
and his will enfold you  
in its light and power.

In his Father's glory  
Christ shall come again,  
angel hosts proclaiming  
his return to reign.  
For all wreaths of empire  
meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him  
King of glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel (1817–1877) (*alt.*)

## **BENEDICTION**

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