



Summer seems to be racing by – September and the start of schools doesn't seem far away! We have had extremes of weather lately – intense heat, thunder, downpours and then just our usual British grey and cool! Perhaps we feel our lives and emotions have been a bit like that – up and down depending on the latest news or change in our circumstances.

It is good to be able to take time out to pause, reflect on and worship our unchanging God. He doesn't blow hot and cold!

## *"Creator God*

*We thank you for who you are and that you are in control – King of Kings and Lord of Lords, unchanging, always loving. Help us now to listen to what you want to say to us this morning. Amen."*

## Reading Proverbs 10:18-21

## Reading Proverbs 11:11-13

## Reading Proverbs 25:11-15

## Reading Proverbs 26:17-22

## Teaching

- Can you think of a situation where someone's words hurt you, what was it about those words that had an effect?
- Can you think of a situation where someone's words built you up and encouraged you, what was it about those words that had an effect?
- Think about the coming week, there may be times when your words will have an impact on others, how can you be a person of integrity with your words?
- Ask God for understanding, for the wisdom to hold your tongue when needed and boldness to speak the truth in love.

## Song

Water You turned into wine  
Open the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like You  
None like You

Into the darkness You shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You  
None like You

Our God is greater, our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other  
Our God is Healer, awesome in power  
Our God, Our God

And if Our God is for us, then who could ever stop us  
And if our God is with us, then what can stand against?

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God You are higher than any other  
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Our God, Our God

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## Song

You were the Word at the beginning  
One With God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a beautiful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus, You brought heaven down  
My sin was great, Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

How sweet is your name, Lord, how good  
You are  
Love to sing in the name of the Lord, love to  
sing for you all?

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before  
You  
You silenced the boast, of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your  
glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever, Our God reigns  
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name, above all names

What a powerful Name it is  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King


What a powerful Name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

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## Communion

We invite you share communion,  
remembering that the sacrifice of Jesus brings  
us new life.

While you may be doing this alone, there are  
many others, both in our church and across  
the country celebrating at this very moment.



At this table we celebrate  
God's goodness

## Prayers

We pray for nations of the world facing turbulent times as elections take place.

Firstly, we pray for the leaders in America preparing for the presidential elections in November. Lord, during this time of transition, with all the injustice and fear in our world today, we pray for wisdom and guidance for both the leaders and the electorate.

Secondly, we pray for Belarus and the protests that have erupted in recent days. Lord, we pray for justice and equality, we pray for peace and hope.

Elsewhere in the world we pray for you comfort as countries prepare for a potential second-wave of Coronavirus. Keep us under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your

God of love,  
turn our hearts to your ways;  
and give us peace.

We give thanks for our young people; for their vibrancy, their gifts and their love. During this time of great uncertainty for our young people we pray for your guidance and calm. We pray that they will know your presence and your love. May they know your plan for them and rest peacefully in that knowledge.

Lord, we pray for the leadership of our education. We pray for the Education Minister and those in national leadership roles, we pray for our teachers and support staff. Lord, fill these leaders with your spirit as they support our young people in their next steps.

God of love,  
turn our hearts to your ways;  
and give us peace

Lord, we have broken your bread,  
and received your life.

By the power of your Spirit keep us always in your love.  
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thank you, Lord for the fellowship and friendship at Duke Street. We praise you for the love shared amongst friends. We pray that during this time apart, our relationships will be renewed and revived as we lean on you and each other. Help us to recall the early church and the simplicity of their worship.

Lord we pray for your wisdom as the process for a new pastor continues. We pray that you will be with the leadership team, filling them with your spirit and vision for our church. We pray for the applicants that they also may be filled with your spirit and ready to serve you.

God of love,  
turn our hearts to your ways;  
and give us peace.

Finally, Lord we pray for ourselves: that you may pour into us a new spirit of hope and refreshment as we move forward from our worship today. Let us use this time now to offer our own prayers.

God of love,  
turn our hearts to your ways;  
and give us peace.