

## Norman Kennedy Presbyterian Church

**April 26<sup>th</sup> 2020**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH:

- Church services continue in this format.
- Remember that the reason we go to church is to worship God together in our gathering and to share faith with each other. We must continue to connect – please keep up the practice of participating with the services and call one other person this week to ask about how they are doing...
- If you have difficulties opening the links to musical accompaniment or special features, contact Taeyang (306-999-5113)- he will give you some guidance.
- We are a church that cares – let's continue to show this by fulfilling the challenge which I emailed to you earlier in the week – **FILL THE FOODBANK BIN!**  
The church is open during the week and you can come in to drop items in the bin.
- The latest from the Gov't is still 10 people per meeting – the regularly scheduled **Session meeting for May 5<sup>th</sup>** will happen. Also, I will soon call a Board meeting as well. The Missions Committee will also meet in the month of May. Ladies Fellowship does not plan to meet. Men's Breakfast Fellowship – check with Parry
- Please take note of this: the NKP website is up and active again. Here's the address: [www.nkpchurchregina.ca](http://www.nkpchurchregina.ca) Check it and our FB page.
- If you have a church key, PLEASE – call or come into the church office to get the code so that you can 'arm' or 'disarm' the new alarm when you come or go from the church.
- Your faithful support has been greatly appreciated. Your envelopes are arriving by mail and by being dropped off either at the church or to the Bosch's home. We will also pick up envelopes from your home, just let us know.
- On-line giving has become a NOW necessity for many churches. The Board will be considering how to make it easier for you to keep up your contributions. Please be patient with us as we try to make adjustments during the pandemic.
- Sunday School lessons and a craft are being distributed to the mailboxes of the regular Sunday School children. Thanks Sumi, for preparing and distributing these. We'd love to get drawings and colouring sheets back from the children so we can make a display at the church.
- **'Spring Basket/ Fancy Bag Contest & Auction'** – a fundraiser event will be held on a Sunday after we return to our regular sanctuary gatherings. Be planning your contribution of a unique 'spring – themed' gift bag or basket – any size, any theme for your items...
- A SPRING edition of NEWS KNOWLEDGE PRAISE newsletter will be sent by email today. Check your in-box! We took advantage of the fact that we were mostly not printing paper copies and so we could include LOTS of pictures. We hope you will have time to read through and enjoy it! A few b&w hard copies are available at the church.



## Getting Ready for Worship -

This morning the words 'sacrifice of praise' will be in one of the songs – and the opening hymns and songs focus on praise, can you think of something to display beside your computer which represents for you an offering to God... or something that says I am praising God for...

*[Do you need ideas? Here are some suggestions: –a family picture to represent praising God for family or offering God to take care of your family; a wedding ring praising God for your spouse or offering to God your marriage; a cheque book praising God for your income or offering to God your finances; a book, a DVD, a puzzle, a craft you have made etc. -praising God for things to do or offering to God your hobbies; a recipe offering thanks to God for food or praising God for the one who cooks your meals; a hammer praising God that you have the skill of fixing things; an item of clothing offering to God your shopping; a memento or picture of a place that holds memories praising God for your personal history; a map offering to God your travel plans; a school book offering to God your educational pursuits; AND for the children: a toy offering to God their playtimes...]*

*When you have an item chosen and have brought it to your place of worship – then you are ready to begin this morning's worship service...]*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Welcome to corporate (although social distancing) Worship...**

### WORDS OF GREETING:

Welcome in the name of Christ. God's grace, mercy and peace be with you  
**and also with you.**

### SONG OF PREPARATION: ***'Come, people of the Risen King'***

*(our Praise team has led us in this song in the past, the lyrics are included here, sing along or listen as you prepare your heart and mind to meet God in this hour of worship)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9j07fbld3uY>

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Come, people of the Risen King  
Who delight to bring Him praise  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in  
Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!

One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun  
And those weeping through the night  
Come, those who tell of battles won  
And those struggling in the fight  
For His perfect love will never change  
And His mercies never cease  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace

Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, young and old from every land  
Men and women of the faith  
Come, those with full or empty hands  
Find the riches of His grace  
Over all the world, His people sing  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age:  
"Our God is all in all"!

Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

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#### CALL TO WORSHIP

In this Easter season we share with John the revelation of Jesus as our risen and exalted Lord, when he heard thousands upon thousands singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!"

**"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!" -- Revelation 5:12-13**

GATHERING HYMN: **#407 'Praise my soul, the King of heaven'**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyRIVbdsi4c>

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,

who like me his praises sing.  
Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise the everlasting King!

2 Praise him for his grace and favor  
to his people in distress.  
Praise him, still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!

3 Father-like he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Widely yet his mercy flows!

4 Angels, help us to adore him;  
you behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

#### OPENING PRAYER:

Worthy are you Lamb of God, to receive from us the worship and praise  
that's due your name.  
Worthy are you Lamb of God, slain for us to pay the price of our sinfulness.  
Now to Him who sits on the throne and the Lamb who leads us home,  
May Praise and Honour Glory and Power be shown for ever and ever. Amen

#### A PSALM OF PRAISE (responsive) Psalm 136:1-9 (ESV)

*(if children who are school age readers, are worshipping with you this morning please have them participate in this reading.)*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**<sup>2</sup>Give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**<sup>3</sup>Give thanks to the Lord of lords,**

for his steadfast love endures forever;

<sup>4</sup>**to him who alone does great wonders,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;**

<sup>5</sup>to him who by understanding made the heavens,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

<sup>6</sup>**to him who spread out the earth above the waters,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;**

<sup>7</sup>to him who made the great lights,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

<sup>8</sup>**the sun to rule over the day,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;**

<sup>9</sup>the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Praise the LORD!

SONG OF PRAISE: *'We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise'*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Grn4pGm2Hx0>

(during the singing of this song, think about the item you displayed and what it represents – how can it be a sacrifice of praise...)

We bring the sacrifice of praise  
Into the house of the Lord.  
We bring the sacrifice of praise  
Into the house of the Lord.

And we offer up to You  
The sacrifices of thanksgiving;  
And we offer up to You  
The sacrifices of joy.

### CHILDREN'S TIME:



This week we have drawings from Joshua & Eunsol to show to the congregation.  
Don't forget to send your colouring or art work to the church – we will print one picture in the Order of



Worship each week and we will make a display with the other pictures for everyone to see when we return to worship in the sanctuary.

- A BIBLE VERSE TO LEARN:  
Psalm 150:6 “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.”

#### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

- What does it mean to **receive** praise?
  - When you learn a new skill – like how to tie your shoe laces – your parents probably praise you. They might say **congratulations or good job or wow!** It’s like they ‘clap’ for you!
- What does it mean to Praise God?
  - It’s like you clap for God for all the wonderful and good things He does. He made the world – and we get to enjoy it, like you might see some beautiful spring flowers when you are out for a walk. **Clap, clap – yeah God!**
  - It’s like when you get excited about God. He loves you so much and you want to say Thank You for loving me! **Clap, clap – yeah God!**
  - It’s like when you shout aloud because you’re really happy. God gave you a family to be part of and friends to play with – and that makes your feel happy. **Clap, clap – yeah God!**
- Praise is when we give recognition to God for what he has done
- It is when we express, from our hearts, approval or admiration of God – just like a rousing applause. Do we ever applaud God? We should!

- A PICTURE TO DRAW

*Could you colour a picture this week of Jesus meeting 2 disciples on their walk and telling them He was alive! (Your parents could print this picture for you and then you can colour it and send it back to the church)*

<https://craftingthewordofgod.files.wordpress.com/2014/03/road-to-emmaus-coloring-page.pdf>

Special Music Presentation: ( Sumi, Taeyang, Rael & Ciel)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mWib18NqZQY&feature=youtu.be>

#### CALL TO CONFESSION:

Our God is merciful when we acknowledge our shortcomings and shine the light of the Truth into the messy corners of our lives.

Let us confess our sins before God.

## A MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Redeeming God, You bring life out of dead ends, and hope in the midst of despair. Forgive us for doubting that You are still at work even in the darkest hour, even in the most painful moments. Forgive us for our hesitant action, our cautious compassion, our too-frequent reluctance.**

**Redeeming God, teach us a stillness that leads to acts of kindness and clarity of vision. Shape in us a trust that leads to faithful witness and bold compassion. Form us in Your love that loosens our worry and eases our anger. Make us true disciples filled with love, acting with justice, and living out hope. Amen!!!**

### A LITANY OF AFFIRMATION AND ASSURANCE

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard and seen with our eyes concerning the word of life, we proclaim to You.

**God of light, in whom is no darkness, we praise You.**

The life was made manifest, and we testify to it.

**God of light, in whom is no darkness, we praise You.**

If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth.

**God of light, in whom is no darkness, we praise You.**

If we confess our sins, Jesus Christ is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness

**God of light, in whom is no darkness, we praise You.**

Jesus Christ is the payment for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. Praise the Lord!!!

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Living God, help us so to hear your Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe; and believing, we may follow your way in all faithfulness, seeking your honour and glory in all that we do. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

#### **The Gospel of Luke 24:13-35**

*(online Bible resource for various translations can be found at [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com))*

<sup>13</sup> That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles<sup>[a]</sup> from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing

together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup> but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" <sup>33</sup> And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup> saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## **1 Peter 1:3-9**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is



imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Sermon: 'Walk & Talk; Walk & Think; Walk & Pray

A story is told of a couple who had reached their 'golden' (50<sup>th</sup>) wedding anniversary. They were asked for their secret to a marriage that lasted that long – the husband answered quite quickly “it was like this”, he said, “when we had a disagreement or argument I would go for a walk to let things cool off and in doing so, well – I have lived mostly an outdoor life!”

Often, they say the life of a pastor and family is on display for all to see – well in that case, I believe, you all have seen that Arend walks a lot! (*draw any conclusion you like*)!



The post-resurrection story for our consideration today is about a couple going for a long walk. Two of Jesus' followers who had heard from the eyewitnesses that Jesus was alive were having a hard time believing this. Thomas was not the only doubter or questioner in the midst of Jesus' followers. As the news began

to leak out, others also were wondering could it be true.

**When confusing information or hard to believe news comes one needs time to think.**

And so, Luke writes about 2 of Jesus' followers who needed time to think and process this news. The 2 of them went out for a walk. One is named in vs.18, Cleopas, the other is believed by some commentators to be his wife named Mary who is mentioned in John's gospel as being one who stood near the cross witnessing the crucifixion.

Going for a walk – a long walk from Jerusalem to Emmaus – it could have been a walk of necessity as maybe they had business or family obligations to attend to, or maybe (I think more likely) it was a walk to think. They are despondent due to Christ's death – if Cleopas' wife is indeed the 2<sup>nd</sup> person on this walk, she for sure would be remembering the cruelty she had witnessed on the Friday and how certain she was that Jesus was dead. The news of a resurrection was just too much to be believed. Hard news – confusing information – uncertain gossip should cause anyone to take time. Time to analyse, time to consider, time to think.

One of the things I most like to do at such a time is to go for a drive. I want to get out of town to lonely places. For me a drive alone provides me with thinking time, praying time.

Given that for the 1<sup>st</sup> century person, walking was their primary mode of transportation – I can just hear these 2, upon hearing this confusing news, saying 'let's get out of town', 'let's go for a walk'. And quite a long walk – 7 miles – a walk which probably took 2 ½ to 3 hours. But their walking turned out to be not just a 'walk and think time' but a 'walk and talk' time.

A stranger comes along side to join them. Luke makes a point to tell us that the stranger intruded on their walk and interrupted them – butting into their conversation. One thing the stranger noticed was that they looked very sad. Yet hardly sympathetic, this stranger pushes them for details and then

precedes to argue with and challenge them – “oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!”

This person, this stranger rebuking them for their sadness and their confusion. Hardly a good first impression. As Luke writes this account, he identified at the beginning that the ‘stranger’ was the risen Lord Jesus and also that the 2 who walked along the road were kept from recognizing him. For a reason.

That reason, I believe, was to take them from a place of disappointment, despair, doubt or “I just don’t know anymore” to a place of hope and of how to hold on to the what is true.

Here were a couple of people who probably started their interest in, their loyalty, and their following of Jesus because He said great things and He performed great miracles. They probably shouted ‘Hosanna’ and got caught up in the parade into Jerusalem hailing Him as king. The heights of a week prior became the depths of disbelief and despair. A lot can change in a week!

And Jesus, knowing all this, walks beside them to fill in the gaps. He begins with Moses and the prophets and traces for them the plan of God to send a Saviour - one who would suffer and die and rise again. He reveals Himself as that Saviour and their minds and hearts are changed.

This walk to Emmaus was a walk to faith. Jesus was more than a great teacher and a miracle worker as many saw him, and they liked how he disturbed the status quo- so much so that He got crucified as a rebel. No—He was the One sent from God to be the Saviour of the world and to turn hearts back to God in worship and praise. When all was revealed to Cleopas and his wife, their hearts burned within them. In other words, they believed and they were changed.

Now after recognizing that Jesus was alive and so too, they were alive with a new found faith, they had enough energy for another walk. This time a walk

inspired by good news and by changed hearts. A power walk most likely. A night time walk energized by astonishingly Good News!

This event described by Luke can be seen as an experience which many of us may have had.

Something terrible has happened – a death, a disease, a debt...and we become depressed, discouraged and disappointed with God. Our ideas of who God is – who we think He is are often ‘pie in the sky’ or ‘benevolent grandfather’ ideas. And so we, like the Emmaus Road disciples, will in life have our own times that are a crisis of faith. The 2 Jesus followers walked away from Jerusalem with questions like - How could Jesus leave us? Why would He leave us? What did His teachings mean? How can the world be changed now if we don’t have a Messiah?

We walk away with similar questions – why do I suffer? How could my loved one be taken from me? Does God not hear my prayers?

We want to get away from it all – we put on our runners and get out of town. Walking away in our disappointment, our grief and our anger.

But Jesus comes to walk beside us in those times – maybe we don’t recognize him at first. But **our God is a walk beside, a walk with us God.** Think about that personally – **your God is a walk beside, a walk with you God.** He always was this kind of God – the very first story in the Bible is one where God comes down and walks with Adam & Eve in the garden. And that theme is revealed over and over again throughout scripture. God wants relationship – and He will walk with us to establish that. He will walk with us in our unbelief, in our disappointments, in our anger, in our pain and He will lead us to the place where our eyes open to who He is and what He has done for us.

So, in this post Easter season, in this Covid 19 time, let's get walking. Walking and thinking about our relationship with Jesus – is it a relationship of thanksgiving and praise for the gift of salvation He so freely offered? Let's walk and talk with Jesus about everything – our unbelief,



our troubles, our life, our lack of faith...Let's walk and pray for ourselves, for each other, for our neighbours, for our world. **And be confident of this – our God will never leave us to walk alone – He is with us always, to the end of the age.**

Thanks be to God. Amen.

## SILENT REFLECTION

### INVITATION & PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

*(Dear Congregation –The bounty of God's grace has blessed us in so many ways. God's love was manifested in the ultimate gift of Jesus, who is the Christ. Let us demonstrate our love through the sharing of our of time, talent, and finances that God may be glorified.)*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFQ\\_H4c8WW0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFQ_H4c8WW0)

Doxology: *(Traditional 'Praise God' music..., these words:)*

Let trumpets sound and voices sing!

Let all on earth their praises bring!

For Christ has conquered sin and death

And given life eternal breath. Amen.

### Prayer of Dedication:

From our hearts and from our hands, we humbly and gladly present these gifts to You, O God, that they may be used to serve You and to bless Your people, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

## PRAYERS of the People and the Lord's Prayer:

Kind and merciful God, we praise you this day for being a God who walks with us! Thank you for coming alongside us when we have doubted – we have, from time to time, doubted your presence, we doubted your promises, we have doubted your power. And we, being influenced by the world, assumed we could move on and be OK without you. Lord Jesus we can't! How we need to welcome you to walk with us – to be present in our lives – to revive us again – to assure us that You will be in all our confusions, in all our decisions, in all our difficulties, in all our despair. Today we give you thanks and praise that You have come along side us. Thank you for turning our hearts toward the truths which you reveal. May the scriptures come alive to us as they teach us of Your love, Your presence, Your wisdom for us and for this troubled world. Heavenly Father, we lay our broken world at your feet. We have been taken aback that a small invisible virus could turn life as we knew it upside down. May we remember and learn that even in this, You O God are Sovereign and in and through this pandemic there is evidence of Your work and Your purposes. We thank You for stirring many of us out of our selfishness, our greed, our waywardness. We think of others – especially as a church community we think of those who are more vulnerable – we ask that You keep our Seniors safe; that You protect those who have compromised immune systems because of other illnesses; that You provide strength to those whose work has increased because of this or who are serving where there are greater risks. We pray especially for the medical professionals, that in their positions of responsibility they will also be able to show the love of Jesus to those who are fearful and anxious. We pray for the adjustments we are all called upon to make – that we can learn new habits, that we can be more thoughtful before we act, that we can love and support each other by our words and prayers. We pray today for those we know and those we hear about who need Your healing hands on their lives and situations. We pray for all who mourn – especially for the Nova Scotia families who in such tragedy will be burying their loved ones in private ceremonies. By your grace, may they know the warmth of community support. We pray for those in hospital – also alone – but cared for within and without – we pray this morning for Ron Bousfield – bring healing from surgery and peace to his heart and mind as his health issues continue to be attended to. We pray for Janet Hunter, and for her strength and courage in her cancer battle. We pray for those who are experiencing the discouragement and loneliness of these days of being cut off from family and friends – we pray that it will become easier to see and talk and fellowship with each other, even from some of this distancing. In a moment of silence – let us pray for each other...

(30 seconds of silence)

Be pleased O God to hear these our prayers which we bring to you this day – and with this prayer as we were taught by our Lord Jesus -

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

THE PARTING HYMN: *'Just a closer walk with Thee'*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6Ks49apfIE>

Just a closer walk with Thee  
Grant it Jesus, is my plea  
Daily walkin' close to Thee  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak but Thou art strong  
Jesus keep me from all wrong  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk  
Dear Lord, close to Thee.

Through this world of toils and snares  
If I falter Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

When my feeble life is o'er  
And time for me will be no more  
Guide me gently, safely o'er  
To Thy kingdom dear Lord, to Thy shore.

Just a closer walk with Thee  
Grant it Jesus, is my plea  
Daily walkin' close to Thee  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

## **GOD SENDS US . . .**

### **\*COMMISSIONING:**

Go now knowing God walks with you.

Go to find God in surprising places at surprising times.

Go to journey together with all God's people and to discover the plans God has for you and for this world.

**\*BENEDICTION:** Now may *the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.*

**\*GOING OUT SONG: # 641 'One more step along the world I go'**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PXV3dwaeNU>

One more step along the world I go,  
One more step along the world I go;  
From the old things to the new  
Keep me traveling along with you  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me traveling along with you.  
Round the corners of the world I turn,  
More and more about the world I learn;  
And the new things that I see  
You'll be looking at along with me  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me traveling along with you.  
As I travel through the bad and good,  
Keep me traveling the way I should;  
Where I see no way to go  
You'll be telling me the way, I know  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me traveling along with you.  
Give me courage when the world is rough,  
Keep me loving though the world is tough;  
Leap and sing in all I do,  
Keep me traveling along with you  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me traveling along with you.



You are older than the world can be,  
You are younger than the life in me;  
Ever old and ever new,  
Keep me traveling along with you  
And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
Keep me traveling along with you.

*See you next week!*