

We ask that wherever families are divided you will mend broken relationships so that your love will be experienced by all.
God of love, we pray for healing amongst the sick.
We ask that those who are sick, in body, mind or spirit will feel your presence, and that their lives may be transformed.
God of love,
who restores and reconciles people, be with us and make us whole that we may live
in your love and peace throughout our lives.
We ask these prayers through Christ, our faithful shepherd. Amen.

Final prayer and blessing

May God illuminate our steps, as we take the path that leads to fulfilment
May Jesus guide us, and lead us through the path that may challenge us
May the Spirit of God that dwells deep with us, open our hearts to voice of the Good Shepherd.

Fleet & Beacon Hill
United Reformed Churches

Virtual Worship

Sunday 3rd May 2020

Conducted by

Rev'd Ruth Dillon & Karen Smith

Introductory Music: Crimond

Opening words

Call to Worship

Caring Shepherd, you supply all our needs.
We celebrate God's generous care of us all.

Good Shepherd, you take us by the hand and lead us through the dark and fearful times in life.
We celebrate God's compassion and understanding.

Gracious Shepherd, your goodness and mercy nurtures and blesses us, and it enriches our soul.
As we worship you, we share together in the feast you prepare for us, and it restores and refreshes us. Amen.

Opening Prayers

Let us pray together

Thanks be to God, merciful and eternal.

You call us by name and lead us in your way.
You know all that we are, and you still love us.

Thanks be to God, merciful and eternal.

You gather us, friends and strangers, drawn together in our difference

Called by the Spirit's power, your people.

Thanks be to God, as we gather here, you will feed us.

When we leave this place, you will be with us.

When we recall your words, you will sustain us.

Thanks be to God, merciful, and eternal.

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the message of Easter –
For the assurance it brings of your triumph over death, the proof it offers that love will

always have the last word.

You appeared to your followers and then you sent them out to proclaim your resurrection to all.

You met with them, and then called them to lead others to you.

You gave them joy, and then told them to share it.

Easter was not for the few but for all, for the whole world.

Forgive us that often we forget that.

Having experienced your risen presence in our lives, we may keep it to ourselves.

Having met with you, perhaps we haven't introduced others to you in turn.

You have given us good news – let us share it.

Thanks be to God, merciful, and eternal.

You call each one of us to be your witnesses –

To tell others what we have experienced of your love,

To make known what you have done for us,

To testify to the way you have changed our lives.

Help us to do that faithfully. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus said "I came not to judge in the world but to save the world" and "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end." The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen

Adapted from Nick Fawcett's Prayers for all Seasons

Lord's Prayer

Reading: Psalm 23 read by Pam Hudson

Reading: John 10: 1 -10 read by John Gibbons

Ruth's thoughts on Psalm 23 / John 10: 1 - 10

Hymn: The King of love my Shepherd is

Meditation

Prayers of Healing and Concern

Let us pray together:

In the power of the Spirit, and through Jesus our Saviour, we ask God for healing and love to come to all people.

God of love, we pray for healing for your Church.

We ask for unity between all Christian people, that our divisions may be set aside so

that we work together for the furtherance of your kingdom.

God of love, we pray for healing for our world.

We ask for people of every, race and language to recognise that we discover your

will for us through justice, reconciliation and peace.

God of love, we pray for healing within our community.

We ask that all the threads of our community are joined together by our common

bonds, regardless of background, culture or age.

God of love, we pray for healing within our homes.