



Methodist  
Church

## **St Mark's Church Bedford**

### **Family Worship 6 September 2009**



Church of  
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**Welcome, Verse from Scripture**

**Opening Prayer**

**As we gather now for worship,  
grant us gratitude as we remember your goodness,  
penitence as we remember our sins,  
and joy as remember your love.  
Enable us to lift up our hearts  
in humble prayer and fervent praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn**

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness 147

**Psalm 100**

**Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth  
worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs  
know that the Lord is God.  
it is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.  
For the Lord is good and his love endures for ever,  
his faithfulness continues through all generations  
Amen.**

## Prayer of Confession

God who made us all in your image  
**Forgive us when we reject strangers**

God of justice  
**Forgive us when we fail to fight injustice**

God of acceptance  
**Forgive us when we pre judge others**

God of truth  
**Forgive us when we are untruthful**

God of love  
**Forgive us when we fail to love**

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

## Hymn

Be Still for the presence of the Lord 50

## Baptism

The baptism of Amber Tamara Davies-Barrell

## Offering

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**



**Gift Aid** Thank you to those people who have already made their offering to the church by standing order. If you are a tax payer please use envelopes or a standing order, so that we can claim the tax back. Envelopes are available each Sunday in the church.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Generous God  
for all that you have given us,  
our families, friends and fun.  
**We thank you**

Creator God  
for the beauty of the world  
and all the variety in it.  
**We thank you**

Compassionate God  
for your love freely  
given to us all  
through your son Jesus.  
**We thank you**

For these and all other joys of life, O God,  
we praise you and give you thanks  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



## **The Collect and Bible Readings** *You may follow the bible readings in Partnership News*

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## **Hymn**

May the mind of Christ my Saviour 463

## **Sketch**

## **Talk**

Mrs Wendy Waters

## Hymn

Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;  
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too:  
make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,  
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too:  
in the kingdom's causes, let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets,  
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.  
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too:  
let my care be active, healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,  
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'  
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few:  
walk one step before me; I will follow you.

## Prayers of Intercession

### The Lord's Prayer

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Hymn

Now thank we all our God 486

## Blessing

Thank you to all of those who have helped prepare our church and worship this morning