



Formartine Parish Church of Scotland

14 July 2024 at 10.00am Tarves Kirk

Please use the Tarves Kirk Zoom link

Call to Worship

Leader: The earth belongs to God alone
and all that it contains

**ALL: The world and its inhabitants
God's steadfast love maintains.**

Leader: The Lord who brought the world to birth
laid earth's foundations sure

**ALL: And firm within the surging sea
established them secure**

Praise CH4 19 Ye gates lift up your heads

Prayer Of Dedication and adoration and confession

Praise: CH4 617 Great and Deep

Word of God: Acts19: 1-10 (The Message)

1-2 Now, it happened that while Apollos was away in Corinth, Paul made his way down through the mountains, came to Ephesus, and happened on some disciples there. The first thing he said was, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed? Did you take God into your mind only, or did you also embrace him with your heart? Did he get inside you?"

"We've never even heard of that—a Holy Spirit? God within us?"

³ "How were you baptized, then?" asked Paul. "In John's baptism."

⁴ "That explains it," said Paul. "John preached a baptism of radical life-change so that people would be ready to receive the One coming after him, who turned out to be Jesus. If you've been baptized in John's baptism, you're ready now for the real thing, for Jesus."

⁵⁻⁷ And they were. As soon as they heard of it, they were baptized in the name of the Master

Jesus. Paul put his hands on their heads and the Holy Spirit entered them. From that moment on, they were praising God in tongues and talking about God's actions. Altogether there were about twelve people there that day.

⁸⁻¹⁰ Paul then went straight to the meeting place. He had the run of the place for three months, doing his best to make the things of the kingdom of God real and convincing to them. But then resistance began to form as some of them began spreading evil rumors through the congregation about the Christian way of life. So Paul left, taking the disciples with him, and set up shop in the school of Tyrannus, holding class there daily. He did this for two years, giving everyone in the province of Asia, Jews as well as Greeks, ample opportunity to hear the Message of the Master.

Praise CH4 158 God moves in a mysterious way

Word of God: Ephesians 1:1-14 (The Message)

1-2 I, Paul, am under God's plan as an

apostle, a special agent of Christ Jesus,

writing to you faithful believers in Ephesus. I greet you with the grace and peace poured into our lives by God our Father and our Master, Jesus Christ.

The God of Glory

³⁻⁶ How blessed is God! And what a blessing he is! He's the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ, and takes us to the high places of blessing in him. Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son.

⁷⁻¹⁰ Because of the sacrifice of the Messiah, his blood poured out on the altar of the Cross, we're a free people—free of penalties and punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds. And not just barely free, either. *Abundantly* free! He thought of

everything, provided for everything we could possibly need, letting us in on the plans he took such delight in making. He set it all out before us in Christ, a long-range plan in which everything would be brought together and summed up in him, everything in deepest heaven, everything on planet earth.

¹¹⁻¹² It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.

¹³⁻¹⁴ It's in Christ that you, once you heard the truth and believed it (this Message of your salvation), found yourselves home free—signed, sealed, and delivered by the Holy Spirit. This down payment from God is the first installment on what's coming, a reminder that we'll get everything God has planned for us, a praising and glorious life.

Reflection

Praise CH4 235 God is working his purpose out

Prayers For Others and Ourselves

Praise Mission Praise 572 Rejoice, Rejoice, Christ is in you

Sending and blessing

Choral Amen

Notices

Formartine Church Newsletter

This newsletter is on a summer break just now.

Please see the TBC, website and fb page for information.

www.formartineparishchurch.org.uk

Next Sunday United Worship at 10.00 in Pitmedden Kirk

Please use the Pitmedden Zoom link

Worship in July and August

We will have United Worship during the summer months.

Sunday 21st July will be in Pitmedden and will then alternate between Tarves and Pitmedden.

See posters, our fb and website for more information. www.formartineparishchurch.org.uk

Pastoral Care: Please contact Susanna Bichard 01651 851345

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