

## ***Welcome Café Worship 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022***

### **Gathering prayer:**

Come, you who are weary with waiting.  
Come, you who are hungry for change and fulfilment.  
Come, you who are lost and seeking direction.  
Come, to the one who will refresh, revive and redeem you.

***Song:*** *Come now is the time to worship, Bless the Lord*

### ***Prayer:***

**Lord of our time, we come to worship you.  
Loving Lord, together we wait on you: embrace us.  
Life giving Lord, we hunger for you: change us.  
Lord of the Way, we often feel lost: direct and redeem us.  
Amen.**

### ***We say sorry:***

Lord God, forgive us when we are slow to change, but quick to judge;  
when we take more from life than we give back;  
**Forgive us**  
when we give up on others too soon and offer support too late;  
**Forgive us**  
when we deny others the opportunity to grow, and uproot their dreams.  
**Forgive us**

Forgive us and grant us your patience, perseverance and vision, and inspire us to care for all you have made. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

### ***Praise:***

**<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

**<sup>2</sup> So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**

**<sup>3</sup> Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

**<sup>4</sup> So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

**Songs of praise:** *What gift of grace*

***Bible reading:*** Luke 13:1-9

***Song:*** *Jesus be the centre*

***Table talk:*** To learn and face the test!

On the illustration showing motorists which image best represents your own walk with God?  
What things do you feel you still need to discover or learn?  
What things make following Jesus easy and difficult?  
What do you think should have happened to the fig tree?  
How many chances is too many?

***Table talk prayer:***

**Loving God, in whom all things are possible, for giving us time enough to change and grow:**

**we thank you with all our heart.**

**For giving us the desire to change:**

**we thank you with all our mind.**

**For giving us the opportunity to change**

**we thank you with all our soul and with all our strength.**

**Amen.**

***The prayers for the people***

***The Lord's Prayer:***

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever. Amen.**

***Notices***

***Song: Across the lands***

***The Blessing***

Go joyfully into the world.

Go with the peace of God in your heart.

Go strengthened by the love of God  
to bring comfort and healing to those in need.

And the blessing.

**Amen**