

DFC service May 3rd 2020

Good morning and welcome to church.

Please join me in prayer as I dedicate this service to The Lord.

Heavenly Father I invite you to join us, wherever we are at this time. Thank you for your many blessings. I dedicate this service to you and ask that you place your blessing on it. In Jesus name. Amen

I don't know about you but these recent weeks have been like nothing I have ever experienced before. We are being told to "socially distance" ourselves but I think that this is a bad idea. Please hear me out. I agree that we need to physically distance ourselves in order to keep ourselves safe from possible virus contamination, but I think that it is more important now than, perhaps ever before, to be socially present. We need to keep contact with each other, keep checking up on people in our lives that we are used to seeing on a much more regular basis.

It can be something as simple as a phone call, a text message, an email, a card put into a letter box, driving by, and chatting from a safe distance.

Please join me as we sing.

Songs– Bind us together - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=emCaGJfM0gs>

Bind Us Together

Refrain

BIND US TOGETHER, Lord, Bind us together

With cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord,

Bind us together,

Bind us together with love.

There is only one God,

There is only one King;

There is only one Body,

That is why we sing:

Refrain

Made for the glory of God,
Purchased by His precious Son;
Born with the right to be clean,
For Jesus the victory has won.

Refrain

You are the family of God,
You are the promise divine;
You are God's chosen desire,
You are the glorious new wine.

In Christ Alone - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENtL li4GbE>

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me

From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Source: [LyricFind](#)

Songwriters: Keith Getty / Stuart Townend

I saw it written somewhere (probably on Facebook) that we need to stay apart at the moment, so that when we get back together again, no one is missing.

We are all parts of the body of Christ. It says in 1 Corinthians 12: 12-26

1 Corinthians 12:12-26 New International Version (NIV)

Unity and Diversity in the Body

¹²Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For we were all baptized by^[a] one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

¹⁵Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" ²²On the contrary, those parts of the

body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, ²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

It is important that we remember that we are ALL important, and we ALL have a part to play.

Song – who you say I am - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GgBB863p2vw>

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

I am chosen
Not forsaken

I am who You say I am
You are for me
Not against me
I am who You say I am

I am chosen
Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me
Not against me
I am who You say I am
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Not against me
I am who You say I am

I am chosen
Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me
Not against me
I am who You say I am
Oh, I am who You say I am
Yes, I am who You say I am

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Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

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Songwriters: Ben Fielding / Reuben Morgan

Who You Say I Am lyrics © Capitol Christian Music Group

I am in the process of completing a rather large jigsaw puzzle. We DCF are like this jigsaw puzzle, we are all part of a greater whole. If even one of us, one piece is missing, the puzzle is incomplete and not as its creator intended.

Prayer – Please join me as we pray.

Lord Jesus, we praise you, you are the almighty Lord of Lords. Thank you. We remember your instructions you gave on the way we should pray –

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 today our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

For Thine is the kingdom, now and forever

Amen.

Lord we bring our petitions to you now – We pray for the world leaders, in particular we pray for Scott Morrison. Please guide him in the decisions that he

makes for our country. We also pray for Mark McGowan, the leader of our state as he makes decisions that affect us all.

Thank you for the jobs that many of us have. We bring before you those whose employment have been adversely affected by the virus.

We ask for your protection over Tyla Holmes. Please Lord keep her safe, and may she return to Ray and Melissa soon.

We pray for comfort for Rod and Anne Baines who recently lost their daughter to a terrible accident.

Lord please be close to our sister Jenny at this time. Please place your healing hand upon her and give her peace. Please guide the doctors and other health professionals as they care for her.

We think of your servants, serving you in other countries. In particular we think of Juan and Vicki. Please make the process of them obtaining a new visa, smooth and without delay.

We remember Melissa, Ursula's daughter. Please relieve the pain of her arthritis, especially during her pregnancy.

We also ask for healing and treatment for Dorothy's shoulder. Please reduce or remove her pain. Thank you for the healing of Ron's ankle and ask that you continue to make it strong again.

Lord, please watch over Ceri's dad. Please bring someone to him who is able to share your word, and encourage him during this extremely tough time. We also ask for your hand to be over Daniel. Please lead and direct him, help him to lean into you.

Please take this time to bring any other requests and petitions to God.....

Lord we want to thank and praise you for Ray Christmas, thank you for his life and that he celebrated his 85th birthday. I thank you for him and for your work that he has done.

We also praise you for Brian and Ruth's recent wedding anniversary celebration. Thank you for their commitment to you and to each other.

We would finally like to thank you for our Pastor Rob. Thank you for his recent birthday. Thank you for his leadership and guidance. Please continue to bless him and his family.

We bring these things to you Lord.

In Jesus name, Amen

Offering – Just a gentle reminder that the church still needs your financial support so please, if you have an internet connection go to your bank's website and make a deposit to the Darlington United Church account BSB-04922 Account-100012193 (the old account name is still in use). Or carry out your usual arrangements.

Song – Heart of Worship - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P-Zp586pvZg>

When the music fades
All is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring
Something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart

I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself
Is not what You have required
You search much deeper within through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You, all about You, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You, all about You, Jesus

King of endless worth
No one could express how much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor
All I have is Yours, every single breath

I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself
Is not what You have required
You search much deeper within through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You, all about You, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You, all about You, Jesus

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The Heart of Worship lyrics © O/B/O Apra Amcos

While this crazy time continues, I want to put it out there that if you need anything, please reach out and I will do my best (and my family) to help you out. We (Devlyn and myself) are blessed to work at Swan Christian College. The college has set up an outreach programme where-by people who have a need (mainly groceries) are able to access the items they require. Further to this, if you need something collected (groceries, medications etc) or delivered, garden attended to...whatever the need may be, please ask.

Sermon

Possible other/alternative songs

As the Deer pants for the water

Turn your eyes upon Jesus