

KNYSNA METHODIST CHURCH
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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, why are you here?

We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives.

People of God, who do you worship?

We worship God, who loves us and teaches us to love.

People of God, how do you worship?

We worship God by breaking the bonds of injustice and freeing the oppressed.

People of God, come, let us worship God, whose glory surrounds us!

May our worship demonstrate God's glory in our neighborhood, community, and the whole earth.

OPENING SONG: Light of the World

Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of all life spent with You

**Chorus*

(So) Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that
You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
 Oh, so highly exalted
 Glorious in heaven above
 Humbly You came
 To earth You created
 All for love's sake became poor

**Chorus*

And I'll never know how much it cost
 To see my sin upon the cross [x 2]

**Chorus*

OPENING PRAYER

God of compassion and justice, the worship you choose for us is to loose the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free, to share bread with the hungry, to shelter the homeless poor. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your healing shall spring up quickly.

So, in praise and wonder, we come to worship you not just with our words but with our hearts and our lives.

Glory and honour be to you, O God, Creator of a new heaven and a new earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people.

We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world.

Assurance of Pardon

Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love; know that our sins have been forgiven. May we be strengthened in all goodness. Since we have been raised with Christ, let us seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Thanks be to God; **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Said

THE READING: Matthew 5: 13 - 20

HYMN: H&P 66 Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

**Chorus*

Great is Thy faithfulness

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Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

**Chorus*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with 10, 000 beside

**Chorus*

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CLOSING HYMN: How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.
I see the stars. I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

**Chorus*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee.
How great Thou art. How great Thou art. (Repeat)

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

**Chorus*

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing.
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin

**Chorus*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

**Chorus*

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION SONG: Now Unto Him