

**Stamford Methodist Circuit**

**Order of Worship Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

**Preacher: Chris Ballard from Deepings Methodist Church**

**Theme: Hope within challenges**

[When reading the order of worship on a computer, laptop or smart phone, click on the YouTube links to play the hymns. Remember to turn up the volume!]

***Prayer***

- Welcome to on-line worship
- Acknowledgement that many of us are struggling at present and all come from different places
- May God be within each one of us
- Let us give the things on our hearts and minds to God to enable us to concentrate on Him
- We worship a God who created all things and came down to be with us
- Jesus experienced life as we know it and yet God still loves each one of us
- Forgive the sins for not following Your will
- Ask for forgiveness for the things deep down that we have shared before
- We thank God that our sins have already been forgiven through Jesus

***Song: Light of the world / The Call***

[Here I Am To Worship / The Call - Hillsong Worship - YouTube](#)

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

So here I am to worship,  
Here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God;  
And 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 the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor.

So here I am to worship,  
Here I am to bow down,

Here I am to say that You're my God;  
And You're altogether lovely,  
Altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross.  
(Repeat)

Call upon the name of the Lord, and be saved.  
(Repeat)

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross.  
(Repeat)

### **Readings:**

[John 16:33 Take Heart! I Have Overcome The World | JumpStart3 | Lyric video - YouTube](#)

John 16:32-33 - A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me. I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

### **Song: *Here I am, once again***

[Sun Garden - Pour Out My Heart \(High Definition\) - YouTube](#)

Here I am once again,  
I pour out my heart for I know that  
You hear every cry;  
You are listening,  
No matter what state my heart is in.

You are faithful to answer  
With words that are true  
And a hope that is real.  
As I feel Your touch,  
You bring a freedom to all that's within.

In the safety of this place  
I'm longing to...

## **Sermon**

- John 16:33 - I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.
- Life challenges you making you query whether you should continue attending church or leading a service
- When torn between helping family and friends, your own things, other family and then church/faith/religion...what do we do?
- Jesus says – there will be trouble but we can trust in Him ‘take heart, faith courage, hope’ that Jesus has overcome all of our troubles
- When at our most challenged/difficult/troubled point, don’t withdraw from church, leading worship etc. but do the opposite. Immerse ourselves in God, Jesus is our shield and protector.
- Jesus challenged me...can I remain focused on Him throughout these challenges? For me, God refreshed me, gave me energy and courage to continue through attending worship.
- Don’t turn your back on God when things get tough, keep praying, reading the Bible, attending church. God wants to be there for you.

## **Song – Cornerstone**

[Cornerstone - Peterborough City Praise Band - YouTube](#)

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But, wholly trust in Jesus' name

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Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord  
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

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He is Lord, Lord of all

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
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Lord of all, Lord of all

***Closing:***

The Blessing – The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

Amen

[The Blessing with Kari Jobe& Cody Carnes | Live From Elevation Ballantyne | Elevation Worship - YouTube](#)