Circuit Home Service October 25th 2026

Is your heart REALLY in it?

SPECIAL OFFER: 5 FOR THE PRICE OF 1

Call to worship: as you sit at home, this service material provides a special focus in the next 30/45 minutes or so.

In any act of worship there should be 4 elements (1) 'thanks/praise'…(2) 'saying sorry or confessing sins to God' …(3) . reading the bible/God's word' and (4) your personal response/ " So what"?… Look out for these four as we go on in this special time of worship. Bible passages (todays lectionary chosen to fit one theme) are linked to a hymn each time.

But your whole life is worship.. so were you in an 'attitude of worship' before you sat down to use this service? Eating, washing up, reading the paper, doing errands, talking to friends /neighbours, doing the ironing!!!!!!!

Hymn: StF: 71 or H+Ps 792: Fill thou my life, O Lord my God, in EVERY part with praise

Prayers: linked to the word of the hymn.

Offer the WHOLE OF YOUR LIFE to God in a special time of **thanks.** Home/ family /friends /work /church activities /hobbies + leisure interests.

Bible: we are in a time of looking through Matthew's gospel in the weekly lectionary at the moment ,and today we get the 'BIG ONE'!!! the 5 for 1 special offer. One question with 5 answers…..a bit like the old 'Top of the Pops' radio countdown for the best selling record of the week. This is definitely Number 1, and 2, and 3, and 4, and 5.

Matthew 22 v 34-46 Find a translation (or 2 or 3) you have readily available.

Question: " Which commandment in the Law is the greatest" ...asked by a Pharisee (top Jewish lawyer chappie) TO TRAP JESUS!!!

The Jesus' (VERY SMART) answer: Love the Lord your God with all (1) your heart..(2) all your soul (3)all your mind… oh…. and the second one is like it: " Love (4) your neighbour as (5) yourself."

v 40: Jesus says " On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." *{ pretty important then - check out the five aspects of love in your life today}*

Hymn: StF v503 H+Ps 267 Love divine *{ let's hear the sound of crowns crashing to the floor.. what self- important crowns do you need to throw away before God?}*

Psalm snippet: Psalm 90 v1-6.. a prayer of Moses, the man of God, reflecting on God's eternity and human frailty*. { Look for God being a refuge/dwelling place and how God's idea of time is not the same as your wristwatch!}*

Psalm 90 v 13-17*: how is your daily rejoicing and being glad?.. all day.?... every day?*

How have you felt 'the favour of the Lord God' upon you lately?

How does God " prosper the work of our hands."? Only if we live the next hymn

Hymn: StF 519 Father I place into your hands

Bible: Deuteronomy 34 v 1-12. Moses got a glimpse of the promised land but didn't get there. Joshua was his appointed leader *(note succession planning here!)* and read his obituary (v 10-12).

Hymn: StF 465. H+Ps 437 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah *(dedicated to Moses)*

Bible: 1 Thessalonians 2 v 1-8 v 7/8 " We were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves because you have become very dear to us." *{ how have you shared your whole self 'gently' with others recently]*

In chapter 3 Paul writes: ”And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another, just as we abound in love for you. And may he strengthen your hearts in holiness….” *{repetition of love and heart as in other passages}*

Prayers for the world: use Jesus’ answer to the Pharisee (top 5 aspects of love in Matthew) as a framework for your prayers. (1) For yourself you can focus on your situation / location and weekly activities where you meet people.

(2) For the troubled parts of the world, pray that ordinary Christians like you and I will be able to show the 5 aspects of love right where they are.

If it helps get a blank sheet of paper: write ‘love’ in the centre and put 5 radiating lines leading to the words heart, soul, mind, neighbour, and myself.

Through the week jot down words or situations on that sheet to show God working through you (as you have shared the gospel and your very self as Paul wrote to Thessalonica).

Hymn StF 51 H+Ps 66 Great is thy faithfulness. *{ note an unchangeable God, a harvest festival verse then peace, pardon and hope..*

HAVE A GOOD WEEK