



St Andrew's with Castle Gate

United Reformed Church, Nottingham

Sunday 9th August 2026

Worship led by The Revd James Breslin

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship Galatians 2:20

Prayer of Approach and lighting of the Peace Candle

Hymn When Jesus saw the fishermen (CH4 340)

When Jesus saw the fishermen
in boats upon the sea,
he called to them. 'Come, leave your nets
and follow, follow me'.
They followed where he healed the sick
and gave the hungry bread.
and others joined them as they went
wherever Jesus lead.

And now his friends are everywhere;
the circle once so small
extends around the whole wide world.
for Jesus calls us all.
In this great circle we belong,
wherever we may be,
if we will answer when he calls.
'Come, follow, follow me'.

Edith Agnew 1897-1988

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Prayer of Confession

from Blessing the boats by Kate McIlhagga 1938-2002

Holy God,
as you called Noah to make a boat to rescue your people,
as you parted the Red Sea to let your people pass,
as you rescued Jonah from the belly of the big fish,
as you walked on water and stilled the storm,
as you called fisherfolk from their nets to fish for people.

**Rescue us,
Deliver us from our slavery,
Still our fear,
Calm our minds,
Call us to pilgrimage.**

Bless those who guard our coast,
those who watch over the waters.
Bless those who wrench a living from the sea
and those who harvest the produce of the deep.

**Bless those who offer hospitality
and those who are received as guests.
Bless those who come as sightseers
and continue as pilgrims.**

Bless us and this community
And as we cast our bread
on the waters of your creation,
renew us in faith and unity.

The Lord's Prayer

Reading Genesis 37:1-4 & 12-28

Poem for contemplation: The Loch Ness Monster's Song
Edwin Morgan 1940-2010

Hymn R&S 726: I to the hills will lift mine eyes

Offering & Prayer for Young People

Reading Matthew 14: 22-33

Sketch Going Under, by John L. Bell and Graham Maule

Hymn R&S 355: Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult

Sermon

Hymn Where can we find the God who made

(Tune: R&S 36, St Patrick)

Where can we find the God who made
And wants us for his very own?
How can we know the God by whom
All that is yet to be is known?
When shall we meet the God whose name
Each age has called on, cursed and blessed,
The god by whom both cosmic power
And new born baby are addressed?

God's found where human life is prized,
And human worth affirmed and warmed;
Where hated hearts become forgiven
And untouched lives become transformed;
In lantern's face of wisdom's age,
In wide-eyed children's fresh rapport,
In those with whom he bids us share
The things that heaven and earth are for.

God's found where silence is not feared –
The silence which we seldom seek
In case our consciences rebel
Or God, in confidence, should speak;
The silence when our souls assess
Unfathomed sense conveyed by sound,
And that magnificence of love
Upon which heaven and earth are ground.

God's found where he was set aside –
The last upset where faith went blind,
The fond fake image still embraced
In the school playground of our mind;
Or in the test we set the Lord
To prove his interest, show his powers
To change the world to suit our will
As if both heaven and earth were ours.

God's found in following Jesus Christ,
Who summons all to set aside
The mess and masks of daily life
Behind which things we often hide.
The finding comes through following close,
Inspired by trust, surprised by grace:
Both contradicting common sense,
Make all of heaven and earth God's place.

John L. Bell 1949- & Graham Maule 1958- 2020

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Prayers of intercession

Hymn R&S 360: Come, thou fount of every blessing

Blessing and sung Amen