

A New Way

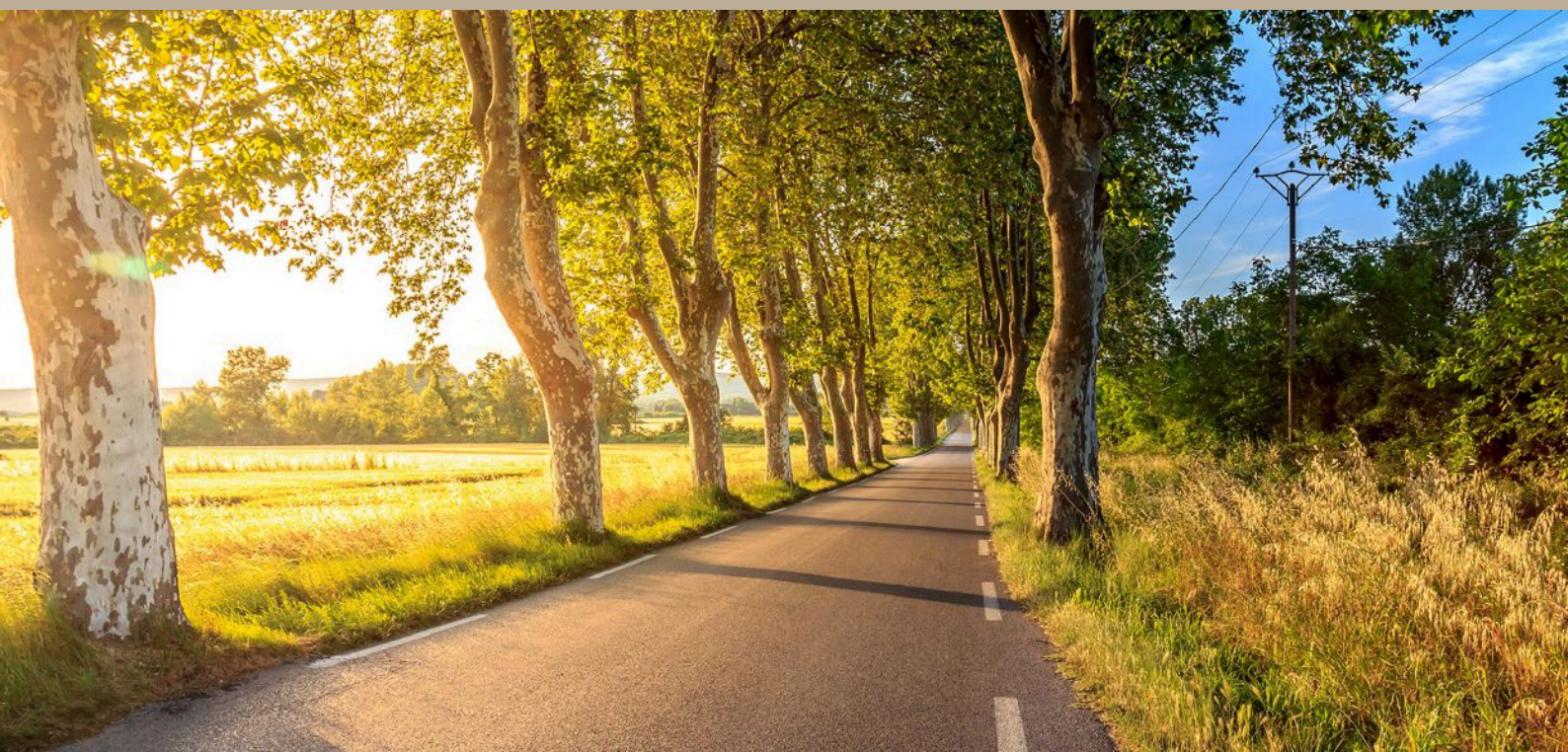
Worship for Sunday 20th September



Some words from the Prophet Isaiah:

*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the
wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

Hymn
Come now is the time to worship



Psalm 105 v1-6,37-45

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.
- 3 Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.
- 5 Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,
- 6 O offspring of his servant Abraham,[a]
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
- 37 Then he brought Israel[d] out with silver and gold,
and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad when they departed,

for dread of them had fallen upon it.
39 He spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.
40 They asked, and he brought quails,
and gave them food from heaven in abundance.
41 He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.
42 For he remembered his holy promise,
and Abraham, his servant.
43 So he brought his people out with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.
44 He gave them the lands of the nations,
and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples,
45 that they might keep his statutes
and observe his laws.
Praise the Lord!



Something to think about

What are you thankful for? It could be something that happened today or a while ago, something you have seen, heard or had the opportunity to do.

Exodus 16:2-15 (NRSV)

2 The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. 3 The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

4 Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I

will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. 5 On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” 6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, 7 and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” 8 And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you



utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

9 Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” 10 And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. 11 The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 12 “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the

morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

13 In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. 14 When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. 15 When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?”[a] For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Hymn
How deep the Father's love for us



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Prayers of intercession:

Gracious and wonderful God, We bring before you our broken world;
A world where suffering is often a result of the pursuit of power over love,
Of argument instead of conversation,
Of fighting instead of discourse,
And of hatred instead of love,
Lord create a new way in our world.

Lord of all things new
make a way in our wilderness and rivers in the desert.



We pray for our country, for our leaders:
That doing the right thing will triumph over expediency and money saving,
That structures and plans will be for peace and prosperity, not greed and gain,
That they will work together for the common good rather than bickering and arguing,
Lord create a new way in our country.

Lord of all things new
make a way in our wilderness and rivers in the desert.

We bring before you our church,
As we begin to emerge in this new way of thinking help our path to be guided by love,
Help our church to shine your light of justice and reconciliation for all,
Help each one of us to speak for truth and hope in our local communities,
And to tell of your new and living way.

Lord of all things new
make a way in our wilderness and rivers in the desert.

We bring ourselves before you and ask you to walk alongside us in this new way.
Calm our fears and anxieties, breathe your words of calm and peace,
Open our eyes, open our ears and whisper your new way of love, of hope and of joy.
Help to stand upright in the confidence your message of good news brings
Help us to live as people of the 'new way'!

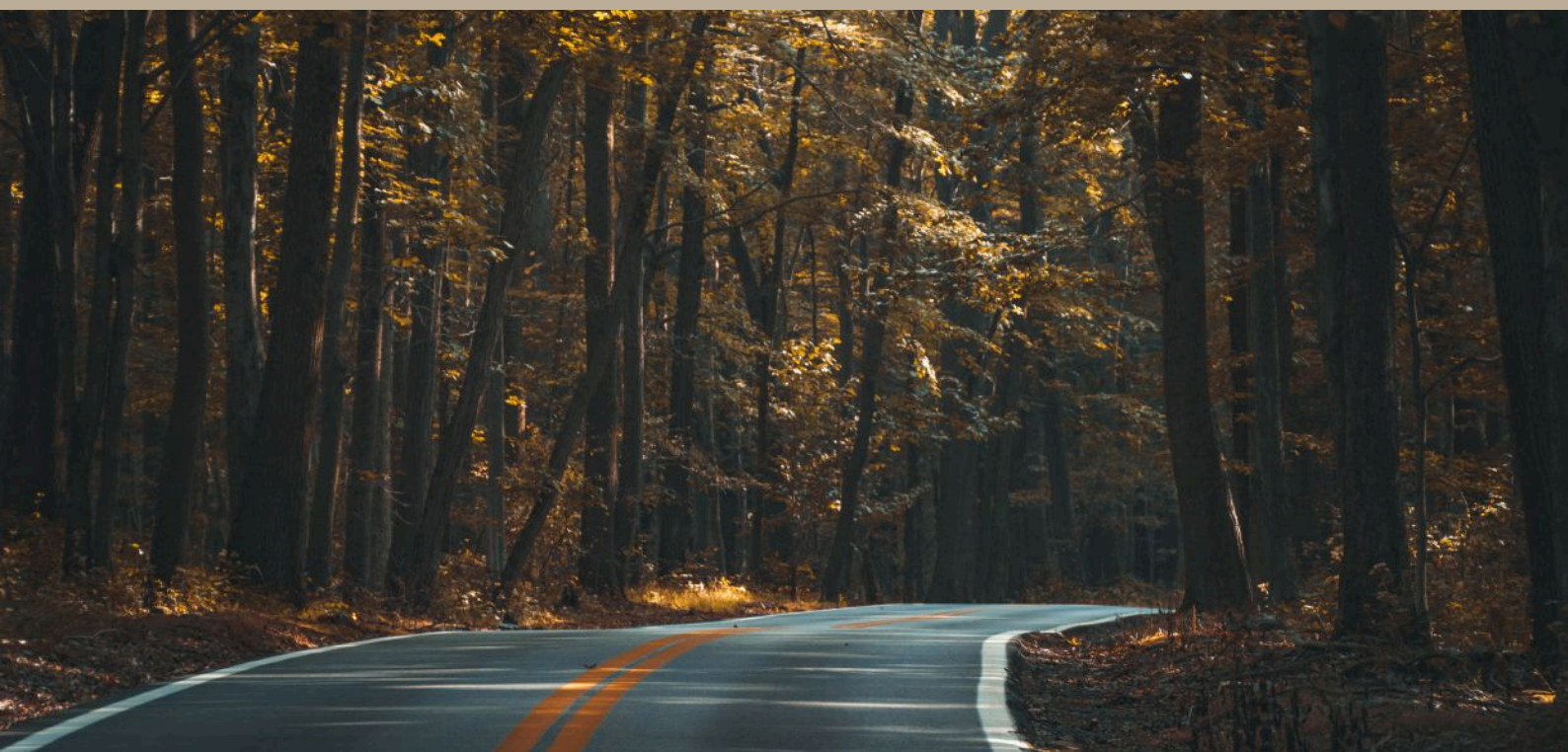
Amen



Hymn
We are marching in the light of God

Blessing

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. Evermore. Amen



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