Sunday 15th November 2020 at 10.30

Welcome and announcements:

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice; tender to me the promise of His word; in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His Name! Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done:

His mercy sure, from age to age the same; His holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might! Powers and dominions lay their glory by. Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord to children's children and for evermore!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (born 1926)
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Prayer

Children's Talk:

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When I've been there a thousand years, bright shining as the sun, I've no less days to sing God's praise than when I first begun.

John Newton (1725-1807)

Prayer

Bible Reading: 1 Peter chapter 1 v 22 – chapter 2 v 3

²² Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, ²³ having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, ²⁴ because

And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass.
The grass withers,
And its flower falls away.

"All flesh is as grass,

²⁵ But the word of the LORD endures forever."

Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

2 ¹ Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, ² as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious.

O great God of highest heaven,

occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme,
conquer every rebel power.
Let no vice or sin remain
that resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me,
make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice, did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys. Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face. You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed. O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your Name through me.

(repeat last 4 lines)
based on Valley of Vision prayer 'regeneration' Bob Kauflin
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Message: "How the Christian life starts and then grows"

From the breaking of the dawn

to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on every promise of Your Word.
Words of power, strong to save,
that will never pass away;
I will stand on every promise of Your Word.
For Your covenant is sure,
and on this I am secure:
I can stand on every promise of Your Word.

When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in, I will stand on every promise of Your Word. You are faithful to forgive, that in freedom I might live, so I stand on every promise of Your Word. Guilt to innocence restored; You remember sins no more: So I'll stand on every promise of Your Word.

When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for Your voice, and I'll stand on every promise of Your Word. Through this dark and troubled land, You will guide me with Your hand as I stand on every promise of Your Word. And You've promised to complete every work begun in me:

So I'll stand on every promise of Your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair; love that casts out every fear as I stand on every promise of Your Word. Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come, and I stand on every promise of Your Word. Grace sufficient, grace for me, grace for all who will believe. We will stand on every promise of Your Word. (repeat last 3 lines twice)

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Close.

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