

Ipswich Road United Reformed Church
Sunday 5th May 2024
Worship led by Robert Ogden

Welcome, notices and lighting of candle for a moment's quiet as we prepare for worship

Call to Worship

Worship songs

Hymn 1: A new commandment (sung twice)

Hymn: 681 There's a sound on the wind

Welcome Prayer suitable and the Lord's Prayer.

Hymn 266: I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship (Londonderry Air)

Bible Reading 1 John 5:1-6

Faith Conquers the World

“Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.”

First Talk:- Working smarter not harder

Hymn: 411 Let there be love shared amongst us (Sung twice)

Reading: John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my

friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Sermon- What does it mean to love

Video please:

<https://youtu.be/xfqND7qROQQ>

What the World Needs Now

What the world needs now is love, sweet love
It's the only thing that there's just too little of
What the world needs now is love, sweet love
No, not just for some but for everyone

Lord, we don't need another mountain
There are mountains and hillsides enough to climb
There are oceans and rivers enough to cross
Enough to last 'til the end of time

What the world needs now is love, sweet love
It's the only thing that there's just too little of
What the world needs now is love, sweet love
No, not just for some but for everyone

Lord, we don't need another meadow
There are corn fields and wheat fields enough to grow
There are sunbeams and moonbeams enough to shine
Oh listen Lord, if You want to know

What the world needs now is love, sweet love
It's the only thing that there's just too little of
What the world needs now is love, sweet love
No, not just for some, oh, but just for every, every everyone
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Songwriters: Burt F. Bacharach, Hal David.

(I have printed 50 copies so the congregation can follow the words on the video and refer to them during my sermon)

Hymn: 684 There's no greater name than Jesus

Prayers of Intercession-including opportunities for individual prayers if you wish

Hymn: 1201 Longing for Light

Blessing/Grace