

SERVICE OUTLINE

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Rob Bridgewater

SONGS

Behold our God
Creation sings the Father's song

CHILDREN'S SLOT

Lucy Cross

SONG

God Sits in the highest place

5-11s leave for children's church in the scout hut (they will be brought back to the hall after the service). There are also separate crèches / groups for 0-4s in the hall. Some weeks we also have a Pathfinder group for 11-15s.

BIBLE READING

Sophie Bryant

Romans 1:18-32 (p.1128)

(Chinese Bibles p.906)

SERMON

Ed Pennington

Extended sermon notes in simple English are available on the welcome desk for anyone who would find them helpful.

SONGS

Two sins

My worth is not in what I own

CONFESSION

Most merciful Father, our Creator and Judge, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with all our heart; and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. We earnestly repent, and are truly sorry for all our sins. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us, and strengthen us to serve and obey you in lives wholly renewed by your Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

PRAYERS

Lucy Morley

SONG

Be thou my vision

CLOSING PRAYER

Please join us for refreshments in the church hall. There is a meal for kids and any others staying on for our student group.

ROMANS 1:18-32

Why isn't everyone right with God?

We reject the revelation of God

We refuse to worship God

We are under the wrath of God

GROWTH GROUPS & FAMILY TABLETALK

Growth groups meet during the week. Part of what we do is to help each other think through more deeply what we learn on Sundays—and then be ready to change as a result. Here are some questions.

1. What struck, challenged or encouraged you in the teaching from God's word on Sunday?
2. 1:17 has said that the gospel reveals the righteousness from God which comes *by faith*. How does the section 1:18-3:20 help reinforce this? (Note that v18 starts with the word "for")
3. What do v18-20 tell us about what everyone can know about God, and what we do with that revelation?
4. If God should be worshipped, what do we do instead? (see v21-23, 28, 32)

5. Is the "wrath of God" a good thing or a bad thing?
6. Looking at 1:18 and 2:5, what do you notice about the *timing* of God's wrath?
7. What does the phrase "God gave them over" in v24, 26, 28 mean? What is the impact in the verses that follow?

Case Study: "How can you believe in God when the world is in such a mess?" says a non-Christian friend. How does this passage help us to answer?

And here is a question for parents and children to discuss over a meal time one day...

Why isn't being a "good person" the way to get right with God?