



## Barthol Chapel and Tarves Kirks

### Order of Service

Sunday 23 July 2023 10.00am

#### Call to Worship

Leader: When we feel lost

**ALL: GOD IS THERE**

Leader: When we feel powerless

**ALL: GOD IS THERE**

Leader: When we look for wholeness

**ALL: GOD IS THERE**

Leader: When we rejoice in our worship

**ALL: GOD IS HERE**

#### Praise 153 Great is thy faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, o God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions they  
fail not,

as thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is my faithfulness! Great is  
thy faithfulness!*

*Morning by morning new mercies I  
see;*

*All I have needed thy hand hath  
provided –*

*great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto  
me.*

Summer and winter, and seed time and  
harvest,

sun, moon, and stars in their courses  
above,

join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to  
guide;

strength for today and bright hope for  
tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand  
beside.

#### Prayer of Approach Lord's Prayer

#### The Word of God: Isaiah 44:6-8

<sup>6</sup> *Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:*

*I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.*

<sup>7</sup> *Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,  
let them declare and set it forth before me.*

*Who has announced from of old the things to come?  
Let them tell us what is yet to be.*

<sup>8</sup> *Do not fear, or be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
You are my witnesses!*

*Is there any god besides me?*

*There is no other rock; I know not one.*

**Praise 142** A small thing like a hazelnut

A small thing like a hazelnut  
lay in my open hand,  
and God disclosed three truths to me  
that I might understand:  
God made it, God loves it,  
and God will always care;  
God made it, God loves it,  
and God will always care for it.

I marvelled that this little thing  
reveals how God can be  
our maker, lover, keeper, now  
and for eternity!

God made you, God loves you,  
and God will always care;  
God made you, God loves you,  
and God will always care for you!

Until my heart is one with God,  
it's aching will not cease,  
and so I rest, held close by God,  
these three truths bringing peace:  
God made me, God loves me,  
and God will always care;  
God made me, God loves me,  
and God will always care for me!

**Table Talk**

What kind of everyday things remind you of God and God's love for you?

**The Word of God: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

*24 He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" <sup>28</sup>He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" <sup>29</sup>But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '.....*

*36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' <sup>37</sup>He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!*

**Praise 96** You are before me God, you are behind (*Tune Highland Cathedral*)

You are before me, God, you are behind,  
and over me you have spread out your  
hand;  
such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too high to grasp, too great to understand.

Then from your Spirit where, God, shall I  
go,  
and from your presence where, God, shall  
I fly?

If I ascend to heaven you are there,  
and still are with me, if in hell I lie.

If I should take my flight into the dawn,  
If I should dwell on ocean's furthest shore,  
your mighty hand will rest upon me still,  
and your right hand will guard me ever  
more.

If I should say, "let darkness cover me,

and I shall hide within the veil of night",  
surely the darkness is not dark to you,  
the night is as the day, the darkness light.

Search me, O God, search me and know  
my heart,

## Reflection

**The Weed-infested Wheat Field** (Meditation of Thomas, one of the disciples) by Nick Fawcett

**Praise 497** Almighty Father of all things that be  
Almighty father of all things that be,  
our life, our work, we consecrate to thee,  
whose heavens declare thy glory from  
above,  
whose earth below is witness to thy love.

For well we know this weary, fallen earth  
is yet thine own by right of its new birth,  
since that great cross upreared on  
Calvary  
redeemed it from its fault and shame to  
thee.

try me, oh God, my mind and spirit try;  
Keep me from any path that gives you  
pain,  
and lead me in the everlasting way.

Then grant us, Lord, in all things thee to  
own,  
to dwell within the shadow of thy throne,  
to speak and work, to think, and live, and  
move,  
reflecting thine own nature which is love;

That so, by Christ redeemed from sin and  
shame,  
and hallowed by thy Spirit's cleansing  
flame,  
ourselves, our work, and all our powers  
may be  
a sacrifice acceptable to thee.

## Prayers for Others

**Response:** Leader: Lord to whom shall we go

**ALL: YOURS ARE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE**

**Praise 562** Through the love of God our Saviour

Through the love of God, our Saviour,  
all will be well.

Free and changeless is his favour;  
all, all is well.

Precious is the blood that healed us,  
perfect is the grace that sealed us,  
strong the hand stretched forth to  
shield us;  
all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation,  
all will be well.  
Ours is such a full salvation,  
all, all is well.

Happy still in God confiding,  
fruitful, if in Christ abiding,  
holy, through the Spirit's guiding;  
all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow;  
all will be well.  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow,  
"All, all is well."  
On our Father's love relying,  
Jesus every need supplying,  
in our living, in our dying,  
all must be well.

## Benediction

### Notices

#### Worship Arrangements

Barthol Chapel and Tarves will have united morning worship services at Tarves at 10.00am. This service will normally be accessible on Zoom.

**Formartine Churches Future Evening Wed 26 July 7.00pm Tarves Kirk**

As a step towards implementation of the Presbytery plan for the Churches in the Formartine Grouping, it is proposed that a union of the congregations of Barthol Chapel, Tarves and Udney and Pitmedden should take place this coming Autumn/Winter. There will be a meeting held in Tarves Kirk at 7.00pm on Wednesday 26 July to explain the reasoning behind this and provide more information. This meeting will be facilitated by Rev Heather Mikelson, Mission and Discipleship Development Worker. All members of Sessions, office-bearers and members of the three congregations are invited to attend this meeting. Questions from those attending will be welcome – while advance notice of these might be helpful, we will do our best to answer any that are raised during the discussions.

**FYP Summer Holiday Fun with Formartine Churches**

Friday 28 July 10.00am Pitmedden Church

**Tarves Tuesday Coffee Mornings** 10.00 – 11.00am. All welcome.

**Pastoral Care:** Please contact the minister.