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# A TIME TO BUILD AN ARK

*worship, reflection and prayers*

**Saturday 6 December 2008 – 11.30am**

**Hinde Street Methodist Church**

## A TIME OF PRAISE AND CALL

Leader O God who called all life into being  
All **The earth, sea and sky are yours**  
Leader Your presence is all around us,  
All **Every atom is full of your energy**  
Leader Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth  
All **With her we yearn for justice to be done**  
Leader For creation to be freed from bondage  
All **For the hungry to be fed**  
Leader For captives to be released  
All **For your Kingdom of peace to come on earth**

Dear Lord and Father of  
mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways;  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives Thy service find,  
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who  
heard,  
Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word,  
Rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,  
O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with  
Thee  
The silence of eternity,  
Interpreted by love!

With that deep hush subduing all  
Our words and works that drown  
The tender whisper of Thy call,  
As noiseless let Thy blessing fall  
As fell Thy manna down.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and  
stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our  
desire  
Thy coolness and Thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh  
retire;  
Speak through the earthquake,  
wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm.

## **A TIME FOR WELCOME – The Revd Paul Trathen**

### **A TIME OF CONFESSION** "Be content with what you have..." © Joyce Dinham

Creator of the Universe, Lover of all that you make,  
We thank you for this marvellous world  
Which you have given us for our home.  
Help us to show our gratitude  
As much by our lives as by our words.  
We acknowledge that so often  
Our best efforts are tinged with greed,  
The desire for more and different things;  
And, at our worst we wholly disregard  
The needs of others in this world.  
Our greed is nothing less than theft  
From those who have no power against us –  
People, animals and nature's store.  
So much we once have done in ignorance;  
In these days we have no excuse.  
Continue, Lord, to open our eyes  
To the enormity of our deeds,  
And our hearts to the suffering and despoiling  
Which those deeds have caused.  
We ask forgiveness, Lord, from you;  
From the children, women and men  
Whose hurts have come from us;  
And from every animal, plant and rock,  
The skies above and the good earth itself,  
Which nourishes and sustains us all.  
By the power of your Spirit  
May we change the way we live,  
And walk again in your healing ways,  
O Creator of the Universe,  
And Lover of all that you make.

### **A TIME FOR RECEIVING GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

*Music from Taize – Veni Sancte Spiritus*



## **A TIME OF REFLECTING** Psalm 8

1 O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory  
above the heavens.

**2 From the lips of children and infants  
you have ordained praise  
because of your enemies,  
to silence the foe and the avenger.**

3 When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars,  
which you have set in place,

**4 what is man that you are mindful of him,  
the son of man that you care for him?**

5 You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
and crowned him with glory and honor.

**6 You made him ruler over the works of your hands;  
you put everything under his feet:**

7 all flocks and herds,  
and the beasts of the field,

**8 the birds of the air,  
and the fish of the sea,  
all that swim the paths of the seas.**

9 O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## **A TIME OF SPEAKING OUT AND RESPONDING**

**Mark Dowd, Campaign Strategist, Operation Noah**

## **A TIME FOR PRAYING – FLOODS OF TEARS (INTERACTIVE)**

*with music from Taize – O Lord Hear my Prayer*

*with action of lighting tea lights*

*and placing them on the water*

## A TIME OF SINGING

© Pat Bennett Tune : Sine Nomine the tune to "For all the saints who from their labour rest"

Creator God, abundant life your  
mark,  
You once poured speech into  
the formless dark  
And from those words sprang  
forth a living spark  
Your inspiration - Awoke creation

Throughout this world, in which  
we live and move,  
All that we sense below, around,  
above  
Displays the imprint of your  
longing love  
Its revelation - Throughout  
creation.

But yet the earth is fractured,  
frayed and torn,  
Poisoned, polluted, ravaged,  
scarred and worn  
Its treasures plundered and its  
beauties scorned  
Our transformation - Of God's  
creation.

From blight and guilt, we cannot  
walk away  
Our will and actions shape the  
world today  
And ours the greed, insisting on its  
way,  
Whose depredations - Despoil  
creation.

Come Holy Spirit, challenge mind  
and heart!  
Inspire our living so that we will  
start  
To make those choices which  
may yet impart  
Love's liberation - To your  
creation.

We pledge to touch all things  
with holy care  
Until your coming Kingdom ends  
despair  
Then all the world will witness and  
will share  
The jubilation - Of healed  
creation.

## A TIME OF BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

