



The Hayes Sector Methodist Church

**"United in Love & Service
to God's Glory"**

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Let us together work to build a welcoming Family!

There are many in our midst who need the assurance that God is on their side. We have a calling and a duty to fulfil as Christians in walking, standing or seating alongside them and becoming the voice and face of hope to them in their situations. Often times our own divisions and or inability to meet each other halfway may lead those outside the church to want to steer as far away from us as possible.

Thus our family prayer should always sound these words:

Help us Lord to make all who enter through our doors to feel at home and to see that we value them just as Christ placed a higher value on all of us enough even to die on the cross for us.

Let us think collectively, act together and remain united always, ***in love and service to the glory of God!***

We work diligently
We serve humbly
We pray vigilantly
We stand in unity...

Loving one another, just as Christ loved us

May God bless you, ♡ Revd. Jongi.

**God's Kingdom is right here – in the midst
of our struggle for survival!**

Welcome: *When have you ever felt alone through a difficult moment, only discover that you weren't really on your own? Think through your feelings of loneliness and share your discovery.*

Worship: **O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come... and our defence is sure.** (c.f. Hymns & Psalms 358; Isaac Watts) When you go through the words of this hymn, meditate upon its meaning for your past, present and future. Celebrate where you have felt God's presence and await God's answer(s) to your questions.

Word: **Job 38: 1 – 11 & Mark 4: 35 – 41**

- ✘ Does God always answer prayer? Yes. But does God always answer our questions? *What do you think?* Read Job above.
- ✘ Surely an all powerful God should help us avoid calamity in our lives... True or False? *Whatever your answer, try to reconcile your understanding of the two readings above!*
- ✘ Jobs' story gives the impression that testing/temptation can be devastating. *Do you agree with this assertion? State some of the lessons you've had to learn from trials and difficulties.*
- ✘ Would you recognise Jesus, were He to appear before you? Some have an expectation of a powerful being whilst others expect a humble being (the two are not mutually exclusive). Mark teaches that even if Jesus' full power were to be unveiled, our reaction is not to ascribe that power to Him but we question the bearer of that power (c.f. vs. 38-41). For God's truth to be realised in us, we have to acknowledge Him to be present in our lives in the now; then our life's struggle is eased!

Our **Witness:**

- ✘ Trust God in every moment then others will see your faith!

Prayer: Speak Your peace into me O Lord and guide my stumbling feet to the realisation of Your present and vivid Kingdom. May my words and actions exude Your presence to reveal Your work in all around me; in Jesus' name... Amen!