

God Sings Over You

"[God] will rejoice over you with singing." Zephaniah 3:17

Seventeen months after our first child—a boy—was born, along came a little girl. I was overjoyed at the thought of having a daughter, but I was also a bit uneasy because while I knew a few things about little boys, this was uncharted territory. We named her Sarah, and one of my privileges was rocking her to sleep so my wife could rest. I'm not sure why, but I started trying to sing her to sleep, and the song of choice was "You Are My Sunshine." Whether holding her in my arms or standing above her in her crib, I quite literally sang over her, and loved every minute of it. She's in her twenties now, and I still call her Sunshine.

We usually think about angels singing. But when was the last time you thought about God singing? That's right—God singing. And furthermore, when was the last time you thought about Him singing over you? Zephaniah is clear in his message to Jerusalem: "The Lord your God" takes great delight in you, so much so that He "rejoice[s] over you with singing" (3:17). Although this message speaks directly to Jerusalem, it's likely God sings over us—those who have received Jesus as Savior—too! What song does He sing? Well, Scripture's not clear on that. But the song is born out of His love, so we can trust it's true and noble and right and pure and lovely and admirable (Philippians 4:8).

By: John Blase - Taken from odb.org



Watch the Traditional Service online with Braian Davison

Announcements / News

□ Social Distancing At Church: We wish all our members to feel welcome and safe to attend church. The Church Board have therefore voted that every other row of the seating downstairs will be taped off to ensure social distancing. If you wish to attend church and to remain socially distanced, please sit downstairs and please wear a mask. If you are happy to sit in closer proximity to others please use the balconies. Hand sanitising and mask-wearing is encouraged in all areas. We appreciate your consideration of each other's views as we worship and fellowship together. Thank you.

Parallel Service: At the Cedar Sycamore room, from 11am.

□ PEDAL FOR THE PEACE. A group of Stanborough Park Teens planned to join in the Peace Hospice initiative to raise much needed funds by cycling 'round the world' from static bikes at the front of the Hospice. Unfortunately, the leader had to self isolate so the teens have been asked to cycle remotely and donate. If you are able

to sponsor them to reach their goal of £500.00 please follow the link and donate: https://justgiving.com/fundraising/teens-department Thank you! □ **Prayer Meeting** on Wednesday at 7pm. Please join us and be encouraged by a beautiful message and time of prayer. Zoom Meeting ID: 863 3281 2854 Password: 063944. LINK Welfare Department operates every week – usually two mornings – if you wish to make donations please contact Pat to arrange when to bring the donations to the welfare centre. The donations must not be left on the church/centre premises. Adult Sabbath School has started meeting in person at church with two classes currently in the Maple Room and Oak Room from 10am to 11am. The lessons will also be accessible via Zoom with the following links: Oak Room class: <u>LINK</u> Meeting ID: 878 6378 3243 || Passcode: 112319 Maple Class: <u>LINK</u> Meeting ID: 757 070 1887 || Passcode: 111000 (Or by phone: +44 203 481 5240) □ ADRA ANNUAL APPEAL - going up! We give praise and thanks to God that the funds for ADRA keep rising. Audrey is continuing to donate to ADRA on the birthdays of her family and friends throughout the year and a number of church members have joined her so that the total has just gone over £15,000.00! If you would like to join this endeavour by acknowledging a birthday or to give thanks to God by donating to ADRA - please go to https:justgiving.com/fundraising/Audrey-Balderstone1 Thank you. Cradle Roll Programme August edition Sabbath at 9:45am on Youtube and Facebook.

We are sad to announce the death of Barry Gowland, a former member of our church. His funeral service was held in Milton Keynes church on Thursday.

Otto Spearing, another former member of our church, died on 16th October. Otto was living near her family in Crieff, Scotland. Please remember them in your prayers.

The funeral for Peter Hinks will take place at Stanborough Park Church on Tuesday, 9th November 2021 at 11.30 am. All are welcome to attend the service which will also be Livestreamed.

A private family interment will take place at the North Watford Cemetery.

Messenger October 2021 Download here

We are encouraged to hear Pastor Terry is improving and hopes to resume his Pastoral ministry soon. Please continue to pray for him and his family.

Friday Night Soup Run into London to assist the rough sleepers is in need of Men's winter clothes especially warm jumpers, jeans, warm jackets, socks, underwear, sleeping bags, toiletries. If you wish to donate these items please contact Pat Walton on 07788311097 to arrange when to bring the items to the Welfare centre.

"I Will Go" is The theme for Week of Prayer 6-13 November. Meetings from Sunday to Friday will be held in the Cedar/Sycamore Room and on Zoom from 7-8pm. If you would like to give a Testimony, do a Musical Item or play the Music for the Evening Programmes please contact Florence on 07533629479 or lizallf@hotmail.com.

The communal Prayer Box is on the desk at Reception. Anyone including members

of the public can put in their prayer requests. These will be prayed for each Sabbath.

Prayer Requests should be sent to Uche Ademuyiwa at uchejbc@yahoo.co.uk

Please pray for:

- Yetunde Bright, who needs complete healing.
- Lola Gordon, continued prayers.
- Terry Menkens for healing. His scheduled surgery has been postponed indefinitely. Please pray for Jean and the rest of the family.
- Donna Wray who needs further surgery.
- Simeon Vontzalidis. The entire family solicit your prayers.
- Gillian Joseph, Tunde and the entire family as they mourn the loss of Gillian's Mom.
- Jean Hinks and her family as they mourn the loss of Peter.
- Joan Maxwell for a full recovery.
- Please keep praying for all those who need God's healing touch.
- Bronwen Atkinson is unwell and needs our prayers. Please pray too for her husband, Roy.
- Please continue to pray for Pastor Terry and for all those mentioned last week.

Family Service - 30th October

Welcome and announcements - Audrey Balderstone
Musical prelude "Gabriel's Oboe" - Austin Blackburn
Invocation - Audrey Balderstone
Hymn NAH5 "Let All The World in Every Corner Sing"
Tithes and offering prayer - Audrey Balderstone
Children's story - Cecilia Davison
Scripture Reading "Matthew 15: 21-28" - Michael Power
Hymn SDAH 294 "Power In The Blood" - Introduction by Braian
Family prayer - Corina Popa
Worship in Music "The Holy City" - Austin Blackburn
Sermon "A Troubling Embarrassment" - Braian Davison
Hymn NAH 459 "Love Divine - To the tune - Blaenwern
Benediction - Braian Davison
Music for meditation "Panis Angelicus" - Austin Blackburn

Sabbath School from 9:45am

Organ Postlude - Neilson Roberts

Welcome & Opening Prayer - Massimo Molteni Opening Hymn - NAH 118 - None other Lamb Facilitator: John Dupuis

Panel: Peter Walton, Volker Herkner, other panellists to be confirmed



6-13 November

Saturdays 11am. Weekdays at 7pm. Featuring testimonies & special music.



Sabbath 6 - Patrick Johnson - The Three Angels' Messages and the Mission of the Church
Sunday 7 - Geert Tap- A Loving Appeal
Monday 8 - Yetunde Bright - The Gospel Vanquishes All Opposition
Tuesday 9 - Audrey Anderson - Worship the Creator
Wednesday 10 - Jim Huzzey - Repentance and Judgement
Thursday 11 - Leslie Ackie - A Loving Warning From God
Friday 12 - Carol/Teens - The Final Judgement and the Love of God



Sabbath 13 - Llew Edwards - The Three Angel's Messages

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Cradle Roll Sabbath School - OCTOBER



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