

than we have ever been before. It's all in God's hands and remember, **God's time is the best time**. Jesus will come back, we don't know when, but it's promised in scripture.

We need to be constantly faithful to God, day in, day out if we want to receive the words 'Well done you good and faithful servant. Amen.

Prayer: Lord Jesus. Help us to be faithful to you at all times throughout our daily lives Amen.

Lord's prayer

Hymn: Stf 476 One more step along the world I go.

Blessing: May God bless you, always as you faithfully serve him. Amen.

Coventry & Nuneaton Methodist Circuit

***Worship is our Way
of Life!***

Sunday 10th July 2022

Theme: Ready for action.

Readings: NT:Colossians 1 v. 1–14
Gospel Luke 10v 25–37

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Call to worship

Praise be to God, Our rock and foundation.

Worship him, trusting in his love and power

Hymn: Stf 103. God is love let heaven adore him

Psalm 24 Stf 806

Prayers of Adoration, Thanksgiving and Confession.

Adoration Lord God you are constant and true in all your ways. We can trust you with our whole lives. You go before us, and we have confidence in your power and wisdom. You are the truth that we rely on, and our direction comes from you and you are our destination.

Thanksgiving Lord, we thank you for your loving care. As we count our blessings. We see that you are generous and your love is beyond measure. We thank you for the everyday blessings that we take for granted. We thank you for all your mercies both great and small.

Confession Lord God, we are conscious of your perfection but also our failure to live up to your righteousness. We are weak and we often forget to show the love that Jesus showed.

Hymn: Stf 415 The church of Christ in every age

Readings: NT:Colossians 1 v. 1–14
Gospel Luke 10v 25–37

Hymn: Stf 426 Hark my soul, it is the Lord

Sermon: Ready for action.

Good preparation can mean the difference between success and failure. A conscientious person will take time and put a lot of effort into being ready for whatever task is at hand.

Readiness makes the wheels turn better, In a world of schedules, being ready and on time is essential for an efficient and cohesive society. Imagine that you are waiting to welcome guests. What do you need to do? You would need to make sure that your home is clean,

comfortable and welcoming. You would have to stock up on supplies. Not to do so would show disrespect to your guest and a lack of care.

In Jesus' parable, he puts an expectation on his servants to be ready for the master until he returns. The good servant continues his duties and does them conscientiously even when the master is absent and the servant isn't being watched. The bad servant lapses into laziness and fails his or her master.

This parable is all about an attitude of mind. It speaks to Christians of all times and all ages. It tells us that there will be a day when Jesus, the master, will return and he will expect us to be faithful until that day. Christianity isn't a part time faith. It's a daily, unending life of righteous living. If we say that we have lots of time until Jesus returns and fail in our duties to serve and to love as he loves, then we fall into sin. It would be very easy to do that.

The early church believed that Jesus would come back in their own time and it hasn't happened yet but that doesn't mean that it won't. We are closer today