CALEB COMMUNITY OWN ARRANGEMENT SERVICE

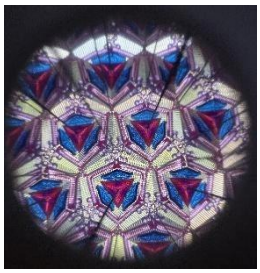
"Welcome!
Welcome to this space, this place where Love dwells in the presence of God."

Hymn: To God be the Glory great things he has done (or other – God of Wonders)

Prayers:
Almighty God, creator of all that is seen, of all that has been, is now and come to be, we worship you this brand new day. You are worthy of our adoration and praise, you are highly exalted. All honour and glory belongs to you. You who dwells in the space between the expanse of the universe to deep down into the core of the earth, there is nowhere where you are not present. In your great glory and presence, we know that we are wonderfully made, we are loved, we are adored and we are held in each moment by you. You, O Lord are the light in our darkness, you are our shelter in the storm, you are our joy and peace in the wonder and spectacle of creation.
We recognise that we are a small part in this wonderful world, yet an important part because we are important to you. We recognise that at times we get things wrong, that we are incapable of perfection in this life and yet still you choose to love, accept and forgive us. For this we are grateful and we are sorry for those things that cause us to disrupt our relationship with you. So, we thank you for your forgiveness through Jesus, who obediently played his part in enabling us in being put right with you again. We thank you with a heartfelt appreciation of your forgiveness, the offer of life everlasting and life in all its fullness that we have been given through Jesus.
We thank you ever present God, for the gift of the Holy Spirit who brings your peace, love, hope, encouragement and many more gifts into our lives. We praise you welcoming God for your goodness, faithfulness and those ever open outstretched arms of love ready to receive us and those who are still not aware of your presence. We pray that you will give us a hunger and a thirst for more of you so that we are full to the brim of your presence within us. We pray that your love, grace and compassion shines out of our lives and helps to illuminate the lives of those we meet in our daily walk with you. In the name of Jesus we pray! Amen!

The Lord's Prayer.

Children's talk: Who has or has had a Kaleidoscope?



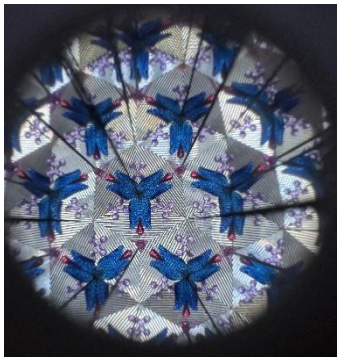
The thing about a Kaleidoscope is that when you put it up to your eye you see lots of different colours and shapes inside it as the light enters in through the lens.

Now as we hold the eyepiece up to our eye, we might like to continuously look at it for a while and be happy with what we see.

However, if we decide to turn the end where the lens is it brings about something new and different and it creates something different.
The beauty of the forms and shapes that we see changes with each small movement.

All it needs is a small turn and we get to see something different and something beautiful, colourful and wonderous.

It is completely different from what we first saw or understood about seeing the light coming in.



Perhaps if we decide to turn and shift our focus on the things we do and allow something new to be seen then perhaps we might be encouraged to see something wonderous and beautiful that we have never seen before.

Offering/ Notices

Prayers of Intercessions: (Prayers for others)
Dear Lord we thank you that we are part of your wonderful creation and we recognise that parts of your creation and your world are hurting at this moment in time.
In the quietness we pray for those places where there is warfare and oppression.
Silence:
We pray for your peace to reign in those places, we pray for reconciliation, a regard for the value of human life and a deep respect for others from different cultures and values.

We pray for this country in which we live. We pray for those who have to make big decisions that affect all of us who live here and we particularly pray for wisdom for decision makers and power holders that they might make the right choices and decisions that help everyone to live and flourish.

We pray for this community of which we are part of, we pray for the schools, the local businesses, doctors surgeries, (other places) the police force and other emergency services that help to look after this neighbourhood. We ask that you will bless those who help others that they may be a blessing and a help to everyone they come across.

We pray that as your church in this place you will help us to connect with our local community, to build good and strong relationships and to see what we can do to bring about your love in this place. May we be welcoming, may we be bold in looking outwards and engaging with the wonderful kaleidoscope of colour, shapes and sizes that exist as we look outwards through the lenses that we have.
We pray Lord, that you would bring your creative, loving Spirit through us and transform our communities and lives.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen

Hymn: Blessed Assurance (or other - One Thing Remains)

Reading: Isaiah 43:18-19

Video: Caleb Communities Projects
YOUTUBE:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WykoE4DBB7E

Think for a moment, what did you see in this video that captured your attention?

SPACE TO THINK: 1 Minute

The passage from Isaiah 43 mentions about forgetting the former things and seeing what God is doing new.

God being active through Jesus and the Holy Spirit is about resurrection, transformation, bringing about new things, new paths in the wilderness, streams in the wastelands and new life.

Where do you see springs of new life in your local community?

In the video you would have seen some new things happening, some of the parts of the video are just a small tweak away from what might be already happening already in your church.

The things we have a go at don't have to be major projects although some can be it depends how big your dream is or the resources you have.

Perhaps for a moment you might like to think about 1 thing you already do that engages with your local community,

SPACE TO THINK.

Going back to the Video. With the person sat next to you for 5 minutes just have a chat about what caught your attention and what you noticed most.

SPACE TO CHAT: 5 Minutes:

Does anyone want to share with the rest of us here what they thought was encouraging.

Do you think there is anything you might like to have a go at?

SPACE TO CHAT: 2-5 minutes

One of the things that Caleb can offer is a £500 grant to have a go at something different that helps you to engage with your local community. (There may be other funding available from other places like the District Advance Fund)

Is this something you might like to explore?

If you would like to have a go at something, then why not get together with a few people. Perhaps you might like to meet after the service to arrange a time to think about what can be done in this community to help people know that God loves them. Perhaps you can ask people who are interested to meet at a particular place in the building, perhaps under or around the cross?

(If you would like any further thinking around this then you can contact Anthony or Paul who would be more than happy to have a chat with you.)

Prayer: Almighty God may we be aware of your leading, may we be attuned to the movement of the Spirit, challenging, encouraging and leading us to see what is possible. Gives us eyes to see, ears to hear and an awareness of you guiding us into all that you hold in store for us. Give us courage to step out in faith, to be bold and to be courageous. We know that letting go is hard for we all have our roots in spaces that are dear to us, we are sometimes comfortable where we are so Lord help us to see possibilities where you are making streams in the wasteland and roads in the desert. Amen

Hymn/ Song: Great is thy faithfulness (or other- WAYMAKER)

Blessing: May the God of all that has been, is now and is to come, bless us all as we journey from this place and walk with Jesus and guided by the Holy Spirit into the dawn of each new day.
Amen