



SERVICE ORDER

9th Nov 2025
SUNDAY SERVICE

Legend @: 830am, #: 11am

Prelude (#Think About His Love)
Welcome and announcement

PRESENTING OURSELVES BEFORE GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Jeremiah 31)

L = Leader, C = Congregation, A = All

L: This is what the Lord says: 'I have loved you with an everlasting love;
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.'

C: He will build us up again, We shall go out and dance with the joyful.

L: This is what the Lord says: 'Sing with joy, my peoples;
Make your praises be heard among the nations.'

**C: He will gather his peoples from the ends of the earth.
A great throng will return to him.**

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn **@Come, Thou Almighty King # O Great God"**

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love. Yet we have not loved you, nor our neighbour, as we should. We have kept silent, by our words and deeds, the good news of your gospel in Jesus Christ. Have mercy, O Lord, and forgive us, we pray. Renew our hearts to taste and see that you are truly good. Strengthen our resolve to follow you in all we say and do. Use us as your holy instruments, to gather all your chosen peoples, to new lives in your everlasting kingdom. We ask all this in Jesus' name.

Assurance of pardon
Passing of peace

PREPARATION TO HEAR THE WORD

Song of Worship

@ My Saviour's Love # Praise is Rising, O Praise The Name

Scripture reading
Message

Acts 8: 26-40 (NIV)

@Wui Wui #Jeffrey Ong

The Culturally Inclusive Nature of the Gospel

Rev Eugene Hor

RESPONSE TO GOD

Song of response & offering of Gift "@O How He Loves You and Me!# I Will Offer Up My Life"
Doxology & Prayer of Consecration

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Rev Marvin Wong

Closing Hymn

@Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus # Let Your Kingdom Come"

Benediction

Rev Marvin Wong

Dismissal

Postlude

The Culturally Inclusive Nature Of The Gospel

Acts 8:26-40

Introduction

God's purpose and plan is for the church to be international in its reach, cross cultural in its spread, and inclusive in its mission (Acts 1:8)

The Spirit Sends Philip To An Ethiopian Eunuch vv.26-29

- i) Where the Spirit of God is present, you'll find a heart for other cultures cf. Acts 1:8; Luke 24:45-48; Matt.28:18-20
- ii) We need God's Spirit to move and empower us for mission across cultures and into cultures beyond the comfortable walls of our culture – Repent, Pray, Educate yourself and Step out!

The Ethiopian eunuch ... v.27

A long and dangerous journey to Jerusalem ... why?

A disappointing end to his journey ... exclusion and rejection
cf. Deut.23:1; Lev.21:18-20

A journey home trying to make sense of Isaiah v.28

Philip Explains The Good News Of Jesus From Isaiah vv.30-35 cf. Isaiah 53:7-8

- i) A suffering servant who is humiliated, struck, afflicted, crushed and cut off for sin ...
cf. Isaiah 52:13-53:12
- ii) A suffering servant who will bring peace, healing and acceptance ...
cf. Isaiah 53:10-11, 5

- iii) Jesus is the suffering servant who makes inclusion and acceptance possible!
cf. Isaiah 56:3-6

Christianity is good news, religion is good advice ... which is more inclusive and embracing of people?

Religion and secularism is culture bound ... Christianity transcends culture and geography!

The Ethiopian Eunuch Gets Baptized And Returns Home Rejoicing vv.36-38

The Spirit Sends Philip To Continue Preaching The Good News vv.39-40

Conclusion

1. The gospel is not bound by culture, ethnicity or geography.
2. We need the Spirit of God to open the eyes of our hearts so that cultures, ethnic groups, people groups who would normally be invisible to us become visible
3. If at the heart of Christianity is the good news that Jesus has died to save you – then there's no room for the Christian to ever look down on any culture, ethnicity or people group.