

## **Water Justice**

*Prepared as a Local Worship based on Water-Aid 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022*

### **Welcome**

### **Hymn: For the beauty of the earth**

**Prayers:** praise and thanksgiving, confession

### **Introduction**

The Methodist Church is seeking to re-energise the traditional Methodist principles of justice in a two-year campaign called 'Walking with Micah'.

### **Statement on Justice**

Rachel Lampard who is leading on the Walking with Micah project, has written an article (below) introducing the Justice theme. In it she says

*I, along with many others, have always been stirred by the words of the prophet Micah. When asked how God wanted his people to worship, to respond to God's love, Micah replies:*

*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.*

*And what does the Lord require of you?*

*To act justly and to love mercy*

*and to walk humbly with your God.*

The rest of our service will focus on the injustice of lack of water. We take for granted that the rain will fall and that as long as we can afford to pay for it, fresh clean water will be delivered to our homes in abundance.

### **Hymn: Show me how to stand for justice**

### **Introduction and film on Water Aid**

### **Hymn: Longing for light, we wait in darkness**

### **Intro to Reading**

Bible often uses water as a simile for life, refreshment and renewal. In the woman at the well in Samaria it also highlights the injustice done to women whom society has decided should be outcasts, but whom Jesus accepts.

### **John 4: 5-15**

### **Hymn: O lord all the world belongs to you**

Whom do we decide should be ostracised?

How do we offer them 'water'?

We are bound by the social norms of the society in which we live and whilst we often pay lip service and even distant assistance to those we feel are marginalised we are often not so good at getting up close and personal

### **Lord's Prayer**

## **Prayers of concern**

### **Hymn: There's a Spirit in the Air**

### **Sending out prayer**

God of all our coming in and our going out,  
of our past, present and our future,  
of all the ups and downs of life,  
give us bright hope that all shall be well.  
Help us to trust in your promises,  
to find springs of the water of life,  
and to share that with others,  
that tears may be wiped from every eye.  
Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honour  
and power and might  
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.

### **The Grace**