Order of Service for Sunday morning – 30th April 2023

Gareth Burns is leading our service and Aaron Ku is preaching this morning

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Song: 'We belong to the day'

WE BELONG TO THE DAY

To the day that is to come When the night falls away And our Saviour will return For the glory of the King is in our hearts On that day we will be seen for what we are

We belong to the day Let us journey in the light Put on faith put on love As our armour for the fight And the promise of salvation in our eyes On that day the proud will fall the faithful rise

Strong as a mighty rock Our refuge in the coming wrath The heart of the bride belongs To Jesus Jesus The earth in its turning stops To marvel at the Son of God And all of that day belongs To Jesus Jesus

We belong to the day We were bought with Jesus' blood Soon He comes as the Judge In the power of His word We must tell of His salvation while we wait For the day when Jesus comes will be too late

Oh if ten thousand years go by We will wait Let us tell of His great love He will come For His patience means salvation

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Children's talk: David Rue

Children's song: 'God's love is the best love'

GOD'S LOVE IS THE BEST LOVE

that the world has ever, ever known. Deeper, than the deep sea is the love that God above has shown. Higher than the rockets up in space, wider than the total human race. God's love is the best love that the world has ever, ever can ever, ever, will ever, ever know.

Children aged 0-14 leave for their own activities downstairs

Song: 'The Lord is my salvation'

THE GRACE OF GOD HAS REACHED FOR ME And pulled me from the raging sea And I am safe on this solid ground The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls His strength will help me scale these walls I'll see the dawn of the rising sun The Lord is my salvation

Who is like the Lord our God Strong to save faithful in love My debt is paid and the victory won The Lord is my salvation

My hope is hidden in the Lord He flow'rs each promise of His Word When winter fades I know spring will come The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting times of need When I know loss when I am weak I know His grace will renew these days The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach the final day He will not leave me in the grave But I will rise He will call me home The Lord is my salvation

Glory be to God the Father Glory be to God the Son Glory be to God the Spirit The Lord is our salvation

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Notices

Confession:

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives; Father, forgive us: *ALL: save us and help us.*

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you; Father, forgive us: *ALL: save us and help us.*

For failing you by what we do, and think and say; Father, forgive us: *ALL: save us and help us.*

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us; Father, forgive us: *ALL: save us and help us.*

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son; Father, forgive us: *ALL: save us and help us. Amen.*

Prayers: Corinne Brixton

Reading: Acts 13:49-14:28 on page 1109 (Berwyn Rutherford)

Song: 'I stand amazed' (How marvelous)

I stand amazed in the presence

Of Jesus the Nazarene And wonder how He could love me A sinner condemned unclean

How marvelous how wonderful And my song shall ever be How marvelous how wonderful Is my Savior's love for me

He took my sins and my sorrows He made them His very own (And) He bore the burden to Calvary And suffered and died alone

And with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see It will be my joy through the ages To sing of His love for me

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Sermon: We must go through many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God

Song: 'Facing a task unfinished'

FACING A TASK UNFINISHED

That drives us to our knees A need that, undiminished Rebukes our slothful ease We, who rejoice to know you Renew before your throne The solemn pledge we owe you To go and make you known

Where other lords beside your Hold their unhindered sway Where forces that defied you Defy you still today With none to heed their crying For life, and love, and light Unnumbered souls are dying And pass into the night

We go to all the world With kingdom hope unfurled No other name has power to save But Jesus Christ The Lord

We bear the torch that flaming Fell from the hands of those Who gave their lives proclaiming That Jesus died and rose Ours is the same commission The same glad message ours Fired by the same ambition To you we yield our powers

Chorus...

O Father who sustained them O Spirit who inspired Saviour, whose love constrained them To toil with zeal untired From cowardice defend us From lethargy awake! Forth on your errands send us To labour for your sake

Chorus...

Closing Prayer