

Order of Service for Sunday morning – 14th May 2023

Tom Watts is leading our service and
David Baldwin (from Oak Hill College & 2:19) is preaching this morning

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Song: 'Oh how good it is'

OH HOW GOOD IT IS

When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit
In faith and unity
Where the bonds of peace
Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence
Here among us

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people*

Oh how good it is
On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy
And weep with those who mourn
For the weak find strength
The afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing
Of belonging

Oh how good it is
To embrace His command
To prefer one another
Forgive as He forgives
When we live as one
We all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father
And the Spirit

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Video

Children's song: 'Lift up your voices'

COME ON, COME IN, EVERYBODY

There is a God who is worthy
Of all our praise – he alone is Lord
Come on and join with creation
Let everything shout to praise him
Glory to Christ – he's the one who made us

*Lift up your voices to heaven's king
Bow down before his throne
Our perfect Saviour died for our sin
Hallelujah!
Praise to Jesus Christ the king*

Come on, come in, all you weary
Come on and find rest with Jesus
He is the one who can heal your soul
Come on and join with the angels
Praising the Lamb who was faithful
Giving his life – he's the one who saved us

Come on, you saints, keep believing
Gather to hear the Lord speaking
Humble your hearts, tremble at his voice
Come in with joy for the future
He will renew heaven and earth
Jesus is Lord – he's the one who'll raise us

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Children aged 0-14 leave for their own activities downstairs

Song: 'Your cross O Lord'

YOUR CROSS O LORD TAUGHT ME TO SEE

That though I fail you every day
Your steadfast love will not fail me
But gladly bears my sin away
And there I see your holy fire
Consuming sin in mercy's blood
What righteousness and love require
To ransom sinners to their God

Your cross o lord taught me to weep
For there my sin led you away
And e'en the sun did bow in grief
As darkness crowned our darkest day
And oh to think that I once stood
Indifferent to your suffering
And oh to see your sweat like blood
Such depths of sorrow borne for me

Your cross O Lord taught me to love
For there I've tasted love divine
It fills my heart with power enough
To make your costly service mine
No sin too great to meet with grace
No enemy too foul to bless
Your love in wounds of sacrifice
Teach me O Lord to love like this

Your cross O Lord taught me to sing
For now my captive soul is free
No guilt no fear no suffering
Can tear away your love from me
No song can reach such heights of joy
No tongue can tell such depths of peace
No power no time can e'er destroy
The eternal praise for Calvary

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Notices

Interview

Confession:

*Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.*

Prayers: Kerry Jones

Reading: Genesis 18:1-15 on page 17 (Emma Dalton McMahon)

Song: 'As the heavens are higher'

AS THE HEAVENS ARE HIGHER THAN THE EARTH

So His ways are higher than the ways of this world
And His thoughts run deeper than the mind of man
Father break into our darkened hearts

Come and drink the river of His Word
If you thirst for water that can satisfy
Come and join the banquet at the Master's feast
Where His love and faithfulness provide

Come and listen to His gentle voice
For the words He speaks to us are Spirit and life
Come and seek your Saviour while He may be found
Sure that Jesus' words can never lie

*I will trust in You as You speak to me
I will turn to You as You call my name
As the rain gives life on this arid ground
So Your word will bring Your children home*

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Sermon: Entertaining strangers

Song: 'Hear the call of the kingdom'

HEAR THE CALL OF THE KINGDOM

Lift your eyes to the King
Let His song rise within you
As a fragrant offering
Of how God rich in mercy came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace

Hear the call of the kingdom
To be children of light
With the mercy of heaven the humility of Christ
Walking justly before Him
Loving all that is right
That the life of Christ may shine through us

*King of heaven we will answer the call
We will follow bringing hope to the world
Filled with passion filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name*

Hear the call of the kingdom
To reach out to the lost
With the Father's compassion
In the wonder of the cross
Bringing peace and forgiveness
And a hope yet to come
Let the nations put their trust in Him

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Closing Prayer