**Order of Service for Sunday morning – 23rd July 2023**

**Alex Chitra is leading our service and Joël Carle is preaching**

## Welcome & Opening PrayerSong: ‘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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**Children’s song: ‘Great big God’**

***OUR GOD IS A GREAT BIG GOD***
*Our God is a great big God*
*Our God is a great big God*
*And He holds us in His hands*

He's higher than a skyscraper
And He's deeper than a submarine
He's wider than the universe
And beyond my wildest dreams
And He's known me and He's loved me
Since before the world began
How wonderful to be a part of
God's amazing plan

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**Children aged 0-Year 6 leave for their own activities downstairs**

**Notices**

**Confession:**
 *Lord God,*

*we have sinned against you;*

*we have done evil in your sight.*

*We are sorry and repent.*

*Have mercy on us according to your love.*

*Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.*

*Renew a right spirit within us*

*and restore us to the joy of your salvation,*

*through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

**Song: ‘His mercy is more’**

**What love could remember, no wrongs we have done**

Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord*

*His mercy is more*

*Stronger than darkness*

*New every morn’*

*Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam

What Father so tender is calling us home

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord*

*His mercy is more*

*Stronger than darkness*

*New every morn’*

*Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us

His blood was the payment His life was the cost

We stood ‘neath a debt we could never afford

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord*

*His mercy is more*

*Stronger than darkness*

*New every morn’*

*Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

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**Prayers: Jack Brooks**

**Reading: Psalm 107 on page 610 (Anita Nadkani)**

**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: God to the rescue

## Song: ‘By faith’

**BY FAITH WE SEE THE HAND OF GOD**

In the light of creation's grand design

In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness

Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth

With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts

Of a holy city built by God's own hand

A place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise*

*We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward*

*Till the race is finished and the work is done*

*We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day

When the longed-for Messiah would appear

With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death

And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go

In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost

To deliver captives and to preach good news

In ev'ry corner of the earth

By faith the mountain shall be moved

And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail

For we know in Christ all things are possible

For all who call upon His name

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## Closing Prayer