Order of Service for Sunday morning – 21st January 2024

Alex Weston is leading our service and Tom Watts is preaching this morning

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Song: 'Our God reigns'

AWAKE AWAKE O ZION

And clothe yourself with strength Shake off your dust And fix your eyes on Him For you have been redeemed by The precious blood of Jesus And now you sit enthroned with Him

Our God reigns He is King of all the earth Our God reigns And He's seated on the throne Lift your voice And sing a song of praise Our God reigns The awesome Lord most high

How beautiful the feet are Of those who bring good news For they proclaim The peace that comes from God Rise up you holy nation Proclaim the great salvation And say to Zion your God reigns

Emmanuel Emmanuel Our God is with us now

The watchmen lift their voices And raise a shout of joy For He will come again Then all eyes will see The salvation of our God For He has redeemed Jerusalem

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Children's Talk: David Ashman

Children's song: 'Father you are King of heaven'

FATHER YOU ARE KING OF HEAVEN AND GREATER THAN US ALL Everything is in your hands from huge right down to small Sometimes I forget that I can't do things on my own Please now help me pray to you, and trust in you alone

It's like an earthworm trying to press-ups Like a potato trying to swim Like a mountain trying to brush its teeth When we don't rely on him. When we pray we trust our Father, That's what Jesus said So I'll stop trusting in myself and pray to God instead

Father, help me now to pray and spend some time with you Father, you are always good in all you say and do Sometimes I forget that I can share what's on my mind Please now help me pray to you, knowing that you are kind

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Children aged 0-11 leave for their own activities downstairs

This week, Pathfinders will stay in the service

Song: 'Cornerstone'

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

Than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly trust in Jesus' Name (REPEAT)

Christ alone cornerstone Weak made strong in the Saviour's love Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil My anchor holds within the veil

He is Lord Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound Oh may I then in Him be found Dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless stand before the throne

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Confession:

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer, this is your world and we are your people: come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation; Lord, be merciful: *ALL: forgive us our sin.*

We have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not gone to their aid; Lord, be merciful: *ALL: forgive us our sin.*

We have condoned evil and dishonesty and failed to strive for justice; Lord, be merciful: *ALL: forgive us our sin.*

We have heard the good news of Christ, but have failed to share it with others; Lord, be merciful: *ALL: forgive us our sin.*

We have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbours as ourselves; Lord, be merciful: *ALL: forgive us our sin. Amen.*

Prayers: Kerry Jones

Readings: John 6:35-40 on page 1070

Romans 9:30-10:21 on page 1137 (Berwyn Rutherford)

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: You gotta have faith

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 Thee Renew before Thy throne The solemn pledge we owe Thee To go and make Thee known

Where other lords beside Thee Hold their unhindered sway Where forces that defied Thee Defy Thee 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 Thee 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 Thine errands send us To labour for Thy sake

Chorus...

Closing Prayer