

## Order of Service for Sunday morning – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Aaron Ku is leading our service and  
Alex Chitra is preaching this morning**

### **Welcome & Opening Prayer**

#### **Song: 'How firm a foundation'**

#### **HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION, YOU SAINTS OF THE LORD,**

Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I cannot, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!"

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## **Children's Talk: David Rue**

### **Children's Song: 'All through history'**

#### **NOAH BUILT THE MOST ENORMOUS BOAT**

That kept the birds and animals afloat  
The Lord was good the Lord was strong  
And Noah lived his life for Him

Moses led his people through the sea  
Taking them away from slavery  
The Lord was good the Lord was strong  
And Moses lived his life for Him

*Oh thank You oh thank You  
That all through history  
You were faithful  
Thank You oh thank You  
That You are just the same  
When it comes to me  
When it comes to me*

David fought Goliath and he won  
A humble shepherd boy became a king  
The Lord was good the Lord was strong  
And David lived his life for Him

Daniel was inside a lion's den  
But God brought him to safety once again  
The Lord was good the Lord was strong  
And Daniel lived his life for Him

Jesus died to take away our sin  
So we could get to know our God again  
The Lord is good the Lord is strong  
And we will live our lives for Him

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***Children aged 0-11 (Year 6) leave for their own activities downstairs***

***This week, Pathfinders (Years 7-9) 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

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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## **Notices**

### **Confession:**

*Heavenly Father,  
you have loved us with an everlasting love,  
but we have turned against you,  
ignoring you and rejecting your will for our lives.  
We have been stubborn and rebellious,  
but you are merciful and kind.  
For the sake of your Son who died for us,  
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.  
By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you  
and to please you in every way;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

**Prayers:     Jack Brooks**

**Reading:     1 Peter 1:3-5 on page 1217 (Anita Nadkarni)**

**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: Living hope**

## Song: 'O church arise'

### O CHURCH ARISE AND PUT YOUR ARMOUR ON

Hear the call of Christ our Captain  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies  
An army bold whose battle cry is Love  
Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul  
But to rage against the captor  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valour  
When faced with trials on every side  
We know the outcome is secure  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died  
An inheritance of nations

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet  
As the Son of God is stricken  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet  
For the Conqueror has risen  
And as the stone is rolled away  
And Christ emerges from the grave  
This victory march continues till the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride  
Give grace for every hurdle  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful  
As saints of old still line the way  
Retelling triumphs of His grace  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory

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## Closing Prayer