

Order of Service for Sunday evening – 14th April 2024

David Rue is leading and Tom Watts is speaking this evening

Welcome & opening prayer

Song: 'Here we stand'

HERE WE STAND THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMED

Ransomed by the blood that sets us free
From the darkness brought into the light
Enemies of God now his delight
From the depths called to highest heights
Here we stand the church of the redeemed
We are his precious in his sight
Here we stand the church of the redeemed

Here we stand contending for the faith
Standing for the truth in every age
We are weak but Jesus he is strong
In the Spirit's power we labour on
And we know victory will be won
Here we stand contending for the faith
And we know truth will overcome
Here we stand the church of the redeemed

Here we stand but here we don't belong
Journeying toward our lasting home
Now we weep with weary saints who mourn
Telling all the world the hope of dawn
Christ will come all will be restored
Here we stand but here we don't belong
We will wait ready for our Lord
Here we stand the church of the redeemed
Every heart overflows with praise
When at last we stand before the throne
With our King evermore we'll reign
Here we stand the church of the redeemed

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Song: 'Here is love vast as the ocean'

HERE IS LOVE VAST AS THE OCEAN

Lovingkindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life our Ransom
Shed for us His precious blood
Who His love will not remember
Who can cease to sing His praise
He will never be forgotten
Throughout Heav'n's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide
Grace and love like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above
Heav'n's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love

Let me all your love accepting
Love you ever all my days
Let me seek your kingdom only
And my life be to your praise
You alone shall be my glory
Nothing in this world I see
You have cleansed and sanctified me
You yourself have set me free

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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: Corinne Brixton

Reading: 2 Peter 1:1-11 on page 1222 (David Ashman)

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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Talk: We have everything we need

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