Order of Service for Sunday morning – 15th November 2026

Alex Chitra is leading and James Townsend 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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Children's Talk: David Rue

Children's song: 'God showed us his love'
(Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Bridge, Bridge, Bridge, Verse 3, Chorus)

WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS
God showed us his love
By sending us his own son
Jesus died for us

God showed us his love
When Jesus died for us
While we were his enemies
God showed us his love

How do we know what love is?
God showed us his love
By sending us his own Son
Jesus died for us

God showed us his love
When Jesus died for us
While we were his enemies
God showed us his love

While we were lost and without hope
You rescued us with your great love

Why should we love each other?
God showed us his love
By sending us his own Son
Jesus died for us

God showed…
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Children aged 0 to Yr 9 leave for their own activities downstairs.

Song: ‘This I believe’ (The creed)

OUR FATHER EVERLASTING
The all creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

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Church family news

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.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Prayers: **Cerian Choi**

Reading: **Ezra 8:1-36 on page 479 (Lally Quayle)**

After the reading — This is the Word of the Lord

ALL — *Thanks be to God*

Song: ‘How firm a foundation’
(Verse 1, Verse 3, Verse 5, Verse 4)

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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Sermon: Depending on God

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