

GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE
Sunday 17th September 2023
Conducted by Rev Denis Campbell
Organist: Mr George Hewitt

Preludes

Welcome & Announcements

Introit I stand amazed in the presence

Scripture Sentences

PRAISE 33 O worship the King

- 1 O worship the King, all-glorious above;
O gratefully sing His power and His love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise!
- 2 O tell of His might! O sing of His grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space!
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
- 3 The earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Your power has founded of old,
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.
- 4 Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.
- 5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
in You do we trust, nor find You to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end;
our maker, defender, redeemer and friend!
- 6 O measureless might! O infinite love!

While angels delight to praise You above,
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
with true adoration shall sing to Your praise!

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

PRAISE 353 O love, how deep, how broad, how high! (Melcombe)

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high!
How passing thought and fantasy
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.
- 2 He sent no angel to our race
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame
and He Himself to this world came.
- 3 For us baptized, for us He bore
His holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp He knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.
- 4 For us He prayed, for us He taught,
for us His daily works He wrought,
by words, and signs, and actions, thus
still seeking not Himself but us.
- 5 For us to wicked hands betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
for us at length gave up His breath.
- 6 For us He rose from death again,
for us He went on high to reign,
for us He sent His Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- 7 To Him whose boundless love has won
salvation for us through His Son,
to God the Father, glory be
both now and through eternity.

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 8:1-10

Anthem Go now in peace

Scripture Reading Matthew 4:1-11

Prayer of Intercession

PRAISE 345 I heard the voice of Jesus say

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say:
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad,
I found in Him a resting-place,
and He has made me glad.

- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say:
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in Him.

- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say:
'I am this dark world's Light;
look unto me, the dawn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in Him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
till travelling days are done.

Sermon Not by bread alone

PRAISE 562 Jesus calls above the tumult

(Girls and boys come in from Kidszone)

- 1 Jesus calls above the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day His voice re-echoes,
saying, 'Christian, follow me!'
- 2 As of old, apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for His dear sake.
- 3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each rival that would claim us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more!'
- 4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still He calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these!'
- 5 Jesus calls us! By Your mercies,
Saviour, make us hear Your call,
give to You our heart's obedience,
serve and love You best of all.

Offering & Prayer

Talk with the girls & boys

PRAISE 349 Jesus' hands were kind hands

- 1 Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small;
washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.
- 2 Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for You,
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;
let me watch You, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for You.

Benediction & Choral Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kidszone Rota

TODAY – Sharon Goldie, Audrey Thomas and Joyce Currie
24th September & 1st October – Elaine Nixon Shepherd and Janet Wilson

Porch Duty Rota

TODAY– Elaine Nixon Shepherd and Hilary Knight
24th September & 1st October – Marjorie Moore and Graham Wilson

Rev Dalzell is off on holiday and will not take the Service today or next Sunday 24th September.

The service today will be conducted by Rev. Denis Campbell and next Sunday 24th September by Rev. John Seawright.

If you should need a minister from now until 25th September please contact our Pastoral Assistant, Rev. Denis Campbell, or the Clerk of Session.

Wednesday

The Church building is open for **private prayer** 10.00am – Noon.

Gifts for **Storehouse** can be left 10am – Noon.

Your ongoing support with the cupboard essentials is always greatly appreciated. There is particular need at the moment for the following items: tinned sweetcorn and custard, biscuits, cooking oil, long life milk, tea bags and ladies shampoo. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Choir Practices continue this Thursday at 7.30pm.

Eagle Wing will be ready for collection next Sunday 24th, for delivery with the Communion Tokens. (Communion will take place on Sunday 1st October).

Open Doors, which we support as a church will be holding a '**Standing Strong**' event on Saturday 7th October in the Bangor Elim Church, 10am-2.30pm. You will have a chance to meet members of the persecuted church from Iraq and hear what it is like to live in their situation.

