

**GROOMSPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 11am  
*Service of celebration to mark the*  
**30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the "Leisure Group".**  
Conducted by Rev. Paul Dalzell  
Organist: Mrs Isabel Keenan

Preludes

Welcome & Announcements

Introit What a friend we have in Jesus

Prayer Mrs June Kirk

Scripture Sentences Mrs June Kirk

PRAISE 18 All things bright and beautiful

1 All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful --  
the Lord God made them all.

2 Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings, --  
He made their glowing colours,  
He made their tiny wings.

3 The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky,

4 The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden, --  
He made them every one:

5 He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well.

Introduction to video

Video What a Wonderful World

Responsive Prayer *"Help us to love life like you"* lead by Mrs Maureen Irwin

PRAISE 32 O Lord of heaven and earth and sea

1 O Lord of heaven and earth and sea,  
to You all praise and glory be,

who loved us from eternity  
and gave us all.

2 The golden sunshine, gentle air,  
sweet flowers and fruit, Your love declare;  
when harvests ripen You are there --  
You give us all.

3 For peaceful homes and healthful days,  
for all the blessings earth displays,  
we owe You thankfulness and praise --  
You give us all.

4 Freely You gave Your only Son,  
who on the cross salvation won;  
and in the life through Him begun  
You give us all.

5 You sent Your Spirit from above  
as wind and fire and gentle dove;  
and in His gifts of power and love  
You gave us all.

6 For souls redeemed, for sins forgiven,  
for means of grace and hopes of heaven,  
to You, O Lord, what can be given?  
You give us all.

7 We lose what on ourselves we spend;  
we have as treasure without end  
whatever, Lord, to You we lend --  
You give us all.

8 Father, from whom we all derive  
our life, our gifts, our power to give:  
O may we ever with You live;  
You give us all.

Introduction to Scripture reading

Scripture Reading John 10:1-10

Mrs Sandra Todd

Anthem The Lord's my shepherd (I will trust in you)

Intercessory Prayer

Mrs Kathryn Bamber

PRAISE 222 O God beyond all praising

1 O God beyond all praising,  
we worship You today  
and sing the love amazing  
that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder  
at every gift You send,  
at blessings without number

and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before You  
and wait upon Your word,  
we honour and adore You,  
our great and mighty Lord.

- 2 Then hear, O gracious Saviour,  
accept the love we bring,  
that we who know Your favour  
may serve You as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows  
be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows  
and rise to bless You still:  
to marvel at Your beauty  
and glory in Your ways,  
and make a joyful duty  
our sacrifice of praise!

SERMON    What a Wonderful Life

PRAISE 549            Lord of creation, to you be all praise  
(*Girls and boys come in from Kidszone*)

- 1 Lord of creation, to You be all praise!  
Most mighty Your working, most wondrous Your ways!  
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,  
and yet in the heart of the humble You dwell.
- 2 Lord of all power, I give You my will,  
in joyful obedience Your tasks to fulfil;  
Your bondage is freedom, Your service is song,  
and, held in Your keeping, my weakness is strong.
- 3 Lord of all wisdom, I give You my mind,  
rich truth that surpasses man's knowledge to find;  
what eye has not seen and what ear has not heard  
is taught by Your Spirit and shines from Your word.
- 4 Lord of all bounty, I give You my heart;  
I praise and adore You for all You impart,  
Your love to inspire me, Your counsel to guide,  
Your presence to cheer me, whatever betide.
- 5 Lord of all being, I give You my all;  
for if I disown You I stumble and fall;  
but, sworn in glad service Your word to obey,  
and walk in Your freedom to the end of the way.

Offering (*Collected by members of the Leisure Group*)

Prayer

Talk with the girls & boys    Mrs June Kirk

PRAISE VIDEO    Be bold, be strong for the Lord your God is with you

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Kidszone Rota**

TODAY – Catherine Dalzell and Chloe McCormick  
5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> May – Julie Stirling, Louise Milliken and Joyce Currie

### **Porch Duty Rota**

TODAY – Rosemary Gillespie and Pat Crawford  
5<sup>th</sup> May – John and Jennifer Boyd

**Session** meet this Tuesday night, 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Archie Agnew Room.

### **Wednesday**

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

**Gifts for Storehouse** can be left 10.00am – Noon.

Please remember to donate as all the cupboard essentials are very much appreciated.

Supplies can be left in the trolley in the foyer either on Wednesday morning or before the Sunday service.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

The next meeting of the **Tuesday Club** will be on 7<sup>th</sup> May, and is an open and free meeting. We have invited the Guide Dogs' Association to come and accept their cheque for £2000, the proceeds of our January concert.

We would like to see as many people as possible who supported us by their attendance or donations, so feel free to come to the Maxwell Hall at 2.00pm.

**Christian Aid Week:** There will be a coffee morning in support of Christian Aid in the Walter Nelson Hall on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 10:30 - 12 noon.

This is at the start of Christian Aid week and our neighbours from the Parish Church will be joining for us for this.

If anyone is able to help with this or distributing envelopes in the village, please contact myself or anyone from the mission committee.

You can also phone Julie in the church office (028 91 462552)

Thank you. (Michael Steele).

**Spring Communion:** We will be having our Spring Communion Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May. It is also the start of Christian Aid Week.

Please make a special effort to attend this important service in our church calendar. Thank you. (Dr Michael Steele, Clerk of Session).

**Food Hygiene Course:** There will be a food hygiene course held in the Archie Agnew Room on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May (7-9 pm). **Please note the change in venue.** It should be a fun event held together with our Parish neighbours. Please let Julie know. (Church Office Tel: 028 91462552). Many thanks. (Michael Steele).

There is a **Men's Coffee Event** being held in the church hall at 10.30am on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**. The guest speaker will be Stephen Wood from **Tools for Solidarity**.

This organisation refurbishes tools large and small, in Belfast and then sends them to countries where they can be reused to help someone to become self sufficient and provide for a family. We are not collecting tools on this occasion. It is an informal information session prior to a time when we will do just that. This is an opportunity to make space in your garage while helping people who do not have access to the means of earning a living or becoming self sufficient. On this occasion all men are invited to come and drink coffee and we will let you know when tools can be left with us for transportation to Belfast and beyond.

**Choir practices** are now finished until September EXCEPT there will be two special practices on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June in preparation for the Praise Service planned for Sunday morning 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**Calling for Volunteers:** There are still sign-up sheets in the vestibule if you would like to help at any church social events or coffee mornings in our new hall complex. Even if you can assist in a small way that would be most welcome. Thank you.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Please note the Kirk Session has agreed, as part of our **safeguarding policy**, that in all public services of worship no photographs or videos may be taken without prior permission being sought and received from the Kirk Session.

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