

Sunday Service

6.30pm | Sunday, April 7th 2024 | The Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome: Pete Scamman (Associate Minister)

Thanksgiving Prayer

Almighty God, creator and redeemer, we praise you for your work of creation; for the beauty of the world around us and for every gift we enjoy. We bless you for creating us to know you, love you and obey you. Most of all we thank you for your amazing love in sending your Son to restore your world, to die for us and to give us life in all its fullness. Accept, O God, our praise and thanksgiving through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Song: God So Loved

Come all you weary,
Come all you thirsty,
Come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water,
Come and thirst no more!

Come all you sinners, Come find His mercy, Come to the table, He will satisfy. Taste of His goodness, Find what you're looking for.

For God so loved the world, that He gave us,
His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever!
Bring all your failures,
Bring your addictions,
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting there,
With open arms.

Hymn: Here Is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean loving kindness 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 can never be forgotten throughout heaven's eternal days.

For God so loved the world that He gave us,

His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever!
The power of hell forever defeated,
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom!
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Praise God, praise God, From whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, praise Him, For the wonders of His love!

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions, Come lay them down at the foot of the cross, Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.

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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, and heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love. Cont'd...

Here is love that conquered evil, Christ, the firstborn from the grave; death has failed to be found equal to the life of Him who saves. In the valley of our darkness dawned His everlasting light; perfect love in glorious radiance has repelled death's hellish night. Here is love vast as the heavens; countless as the stars above are the souls that He has ransomed, precious daughters, treasured sons. We are called to feast forever on a love beyond our time; Glorious Father, Son and Spirit, now with man are intertwined.

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Confession

O Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief:

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. In your mercy, forgive us:

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. In your mercy, forgive us:

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us:

Lord, hear us and help us.

Lift our minds above earthly things, set them on things above; show us your glory and your power, that we may serve you gladly all our days. Amen

Prayers: Mike Reeder

Church Family News

Song: Now Why This Fear

Now why this fear and unbelief? Has not the Father put to grief His spotless Son for us? And will the righteous Judge of men condemn me for that debt of sin, now cancelled at the cross?

Jesus, all my trust is in Your blood. Jesus, You've rescued us, through Your great love.

Complete atonement You have made, and, by Your death, have fully paid the debt Your people owed. No wrath remains for us to face, we're sheltered by Your saving grace and sprinkled with Your blood.

How sweet the sound of saving grace, how sweet the sound of saving grace, Christ died for me.

Be still, my soul, and know this peace, the merits of your great High Priest have bought your liberty. Rely then on His precious blood, don't fear your banishment from God since Jesus sets you free.

Men:

How sweet the sound of saving grace, how sweet the sound of saving grace, Christ died for me.

Women:

Jesus, all my trust is in Your blood. Jesus, You've rescued us, through Your great love. Reading: Colossians 2: 6-23 (p.1183) Emily Davies

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Sermon: 'Why Easter matters'

Mark Burkill (Guest Speaker)

Song: All My Boast Is In Jesus

What wonder of wonders what love is this That Christ would die for me His goodness His merit His righteousness This sinner's only plea O foolish pride be crucified The work is finished

All my boast is in Jesus All my hope is His love And I will glory forever In what the cross has done

Now fully forgiven my life is filled With graces undeserved For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill Let praises now return Rise up my soul and bless the Lord Who else is worthy O praise the One forever blessed Him alone my heart adores And I will boast in nothing less Than the love of Christ my Lord

I boast not in riches in strength or might But in the grace of God I glory in weakness to live is Christ In plenty or in want That I may know that all may see His pow'r within me

Now I stand in His freedom Ransomed clean in His sight And I cannot be ashamed for My boast is Jesus Christ My boast is Jesus Christ Forever my boast is Jesus Christ

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Song: All I Have Is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way. The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave; I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will; and if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost;
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross; and I beheld God's love displayed:
You suffered in my place.
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace.

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see the strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.

O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose; and let my song forever be: my only boast is You.

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