

**Order of service  
October 17, 2021**

**Candle-lighting**

**Welcome & announcements**

- \* Land Acknowledgement
- \* Celebrations & Concerns
- \* Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Invitation & dedication of the offering**

**Call to worship: Based on parts of Psalm 119**

With all my heart I seek you, God

**With all our hearts we seek you.**

Blessed are you, God

**And blessed are those who learn your ways.**

I shall not forget your Word

**We will treasure your truth in our hearts.**

I do your will with great delight

**We rejoice in your wisdom.**

With all my heart I seek you, God

**With all our hearts we seek you.**

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet*

**and a light unto my path (Ps 119: 105)**

Family of God, from whom does our help come?

**Our Help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth Ps 124:8**

**Hymn: *I love to tell the story***

(VU 343)

1

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems  
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. R

3

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. R

### **Prayer and Confession**

Blessed are you, Lord our God...(Minister continues with Prayer)

Loving God you have given us so much – your Word to guide us, your love to heal us, your spirit to encourage us – and you have given us each other, so that in community we may be your love in the world. But we confess that we often fail to live as your chosen and beloved people. Impatient and intolerant, we fail to see your presence in the other person; we hide precious truths which we hold in trust; we let the possibility of peace slip through our fingers. Loving and forgiving God may we learn to forgive each other, may we be open to the transforming power of your love, may we be recreated as a people of peace.

Amen

### **Assurance of pardon**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

### **The Ministry of Music**

## **Children's Hymn: The Books of the Bible**

1

Ge-ne-sis and Ex-o-dus, next we have Le-vit-i-cus.  
Num-bers, Deu-te-ron-o-my,  
Joshua, Judg-es, Ruth you'll see,  
Two of Sam-uel, two of Kings,  
Tells us what life often brings.

2

Chron-i-cles, books 1 & 2, fam'ly names & other clues  
Ez-ra, Ne-he-mi-ah next,  
Est-er, Job, and Psalms, great text!  
Pro-verbs, Ec-cle-si-as-tes,  
Song of Sol-o-mon will please,

3

I-sai-ah, Jer-e-mi-ah,  
La-men-ta-tions in Judah,  
E-zekiel and Dan-i-el,  
Ho-se-a and then there's Joel.  
Amos, O-ba-di-ah, who?, Jonah, Micah, Na-hum too,

4

What a name like Ha-bak-kuk,  
Zeph-an-i-ah, are you stuck?  
Haggai, Zech-a-ri-ah then,  
Mal-a-chi will mark the end,  
Of the test-a-ment of old, with all those events fore-told,

5

Now its the new test-a-ment,  
All about the Son God sent.  
Mat-thew, Mark and Luke and John,  
Acts and Ro-mans, Corint-thi-ans,  
Ga-la-tians, E-phe-si-ans, Phillip-ians, Co-los-si-ans.

6

Thes-sa-lonians, one and two,  
Timothy one and Timothy two.  
Titus on to Phil-e-mon,  
He-brews, James, Pe-ter and John.  
Jude is very near the end,  
Re-ve-la-tion is the end!

**A time for All God's children**

**Scripture:** 2 Timothy 3: 14-17 (The Message)

But don't let [life's hard times] faze you. Stick with what you learned and believed, sure of the integrity of your teachers— why, you took in the sacred Scriptures with your mother's milk! There's nothing like the written Word of God for showing you the way to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another— showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.

May God bless to our understanding this reading of Holy Scripture  
Amen

**Gospel Hymn: *Standing on the promises***

1

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
Through eternal ages let His praises ring,  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God my Saviour;  
Standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.

2

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God.

5

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call  
Resting in my Saviour as my all in all,  
Standing on the promises of God. R

**Sermon:** Basic instruction before leaving Earth

**Pastoral Prayer**

## **Benediction & The Grace** (*Together*)

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
The Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all evermore.      *2 Corinthians 13:14*

**Hymn** How firm a foundation  
(VU 660)

1

How firm a foundation, you servants of God,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!  
What more can be said than to you has been said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2

'Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed!  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

3

'When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

4

'When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply:  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

5

'The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not - I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,  
I'll never - no, never - no, never forsake!'