

**Order of Service**  
**May 1, 2022**

**Candle-Lighting**

**Welcome & announcements**

- \* Land Acknowledgement
- \* Celebrations & Concerns
- \* Birthdays & Anniversaries
- \* Dedication of the Offering

**Scripture sentences**

**The Law of Love (Mark 12: 29-31)**

*Minister* Hear, O Israel,  
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

**All Love the Lord your God**  
**with all your heart, with all your soul,**  
**with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

*Minister* This is the first and the great commandment.

**All The second is like it:**  
**You shall love your neighbour as yourself.**  
**There is no commandment greater than these.**

**Opening hymn: We're' marching to Zion**  
**VU 714**

I  
Come, we that love the Lord,  
and let our joys be known,  
join in a song with sweet accord,  
join in a song with sweet accord  
and thus surround the throne,  
and thus surround the throne.  
We're marching to Zion,  
beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
we're marching upward to Zion,

the beautiful city of God.

2

Let those refuse to sing  
who never knew our God;  
but children of the heavenly King,  
but children of the heavenly King  
may speak their joys abroad,  
may speak their joys abroad. R

3

The hill of Zion yields  
a thousand sacred sweets  
before we reach the heavenly fields,  
before we reach the heavenly fields  
or walk the golden streets,  
or walk the golden streets. R

4

Then let our songs abound,  
and every tear be dry;  
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,  
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground  
to fairer worlds on high,  
to fairer worlds on high. R

### **Prayer and confession**

God of this day and all days...

*(Minister continues with Prayer)*

**If our neighbour does not know your name  
because you have not been introduced, forgive us.  
If our neighbour has been searching for answers  
that we already hold, forgive us.  
If they have yet to see the change  
that lies hidden in our hearts, forgive us.  
If we have yet to find the courage to share our faith,**

revive us.

If our neighbour does not know your name  
because you have not been introduced,  
empower us. 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.*

### Greeting Christ in All of Us - Passing the Peace

#### The ministry of music

#### Hymn: When hands reach out

(Tune: VU 625) MV 169

1.

When hands reach out beyond divides  
and hope is truly found,  
each chain of hate will fall away  
and bells of peace shall sound,  
and bells of peace, of peace shall sound,  
and bells of peace shall sound,  
each chain of hate will fall away  
and bells of peace shall sound.

2.

When fear no longer guides our steps  
and days of war are done,  
God's dream for all shall live anew;  
our hearts will heal as one,  
our hearts will heal, will heal as one,  
our hearts will heal as one,  
God's dream for all shall live anew;  
our hearts will heal as one.

3.

When race and creed blind us no more,  
a neighbour's face we'll see,  
and we shall dance the whole world round,

for love will set us free,  
for love, yes love will set us free,  
for love will set us free,  
and we shall dance the whole world round,  
for love will set us free.

## **A Time for all God's children**

### **Today's scripture Readings:**

#### **Hebrews 12: 1-3 (NLT)**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honour beside God's throne. Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.

#### **2 Timothy 4: 6-8 (New Living Translation)**

As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. 8 And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

May God bless to us this reading of Holy Scripture

**Amen**

#### **Gospel hymn: When we all get to Heaven**

I  
Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,  
Sing His mercy and His grace;  
In the mansions bright and blessed  
He'll prepare for us a place.

Refrain:

When we all get to heaven,  
what a day of rejoicing that will be!  
When we all see Jesus,

we'll sing and shout the victory!

2

While we walk the pilgrim pathway  
Clouds will overspread the sky;  
But when trav'ling days are over  
Not a shadow, not a sigh. R

4

Onward to the prize before us!  
Soon His beauty we'll behold;  
Soon the pearly gates will open—  
We shall tread the streets of gold. R

**Sermon**    *Participation prizes are fine!*

**Hymn: The ninety and nine**

1.

There were 90 and nine that safely lay  
In the shelter of the fold.  
But one was out on the hills away,  
Far off from the gates of gold.  
Away on the mountains wild and bare.  
Away from the tender Shepherd's care. (2x)

2.

“Lord, Thou hast here Thy 90 and 9;  
Are they not enough for Thee?”  
But the Shepherd made answer:  
“This of Mine Has wandered away from Me;  
Although the road be rough & steep,  
I go to the desert to find My sheep, (2)

3.

But none of the ransomed ever knew  
How deep were the waters crossed;  
Nor how dark was the night the Lord passed through  
Ere He found His sheep that was lost.

Out in the desert He heard its cry,  
Sick and helpless and ready to die; (2x)

4.

Lord, whence are those blood drops all the way  
That mark out the mountain's track?"  
"They were shed for one who had gone astray  
Ere the Shepherd could bring him back."  
"Lord, whence are Thy hands so rent and torn?"  
"They are pierced tonight by many a thorn; (2x)

5.

And all through the mountains, thunder riven  
And up from the rocky steep,  
There arose a glad cry to the gate of Heaven,  
"Rejoice! I have found My sheep!"  
And the angels echoed around the throne,  
"Rejoice, for the Lord brings back His own! (2x)

### **Pastoral Prayer, Benediction & Go now in peace**

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.  
God will go with you, each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith: steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others, so all the world can see –  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen**