

Hymn Sheet for Sunday 3rd September 2023
Service led by Rev Andrew Mudharara

Welcome and call to worship

Hymn MP 38

As we are gathered, Jesus is here,
one with each other, Jesus is here;
joined by the Spirit, washed in His Blood,
part of the Body, the Church of God.
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one with each other, Jesus is here.

Hymn MP37

As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.

*(Chorus) You alone are my strength, my shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.*

I want You more than gold or silver,
only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.
(Chorus)

You're my Friend and You're my Brother,
even though You are a king.
I love You more than any other,
so much more than anything.
(Chorus)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Hymn MP1261 (during which the offerings will be taken)

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Dedication of Offerings

Readings Matthew 16: v 21 – 28 & Romans 12: v 9 - 21

Hymn MP1262

By faith we see the hand of God
in the light of creation's grand design;
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
with the power of His promise in their hearts:
of a holy city built by God's own hand –
a place where peace and justice reigns.
(Chorus...)

*We will stand as children of the promise,
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day
when longed-for Messiah would appear
with the power to break the chains of sin and death,
and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
in the power of the Spirit to the lost,
to deliver captives and to preach good news
in every corner of the earth.
(Chorus...)

By faith this mountain shall be moved
and the power of the gospel shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things are possible
for those who call upon His name.
(Chorus...)

Sermon – “Laying our lives down for each other”

Family News & Prayers of Intercession

Hymn MP51

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee, Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle-shield, sword for the fight,
be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight.
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower:
raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Grace

Organ Voluntary Sortie in E flat by L J A Lefébure-Wély