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Welcome to our 10.30 service! Although we're not meeting in person, we can gather together online to meet with God in his Word and to encourage each other to live for Christ. Before the service, please pray that by his Spirit, God would enable you and others joining in from their homes, to know Christ more.

This morning, Al Horn is leading the service and preaching.

Song: How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he has said –
you, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

2. In every condition – in sickness and health,
in poverty's vale or abounding in wealth;
at home or abroad, on the land, on the sea,
as your days may demand shall your strength ever be.

3. Fear not, he is with you, O be not dismayed!
For he is your God and will still give you aid;
He'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by his righteous, omnipotent hand.

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

5. The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
He will not, he will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
He'll never, no, never, no never forsake!

Richard Keen, Richard Simpkin



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Song: Before the world began
God made a masterplan
To bring all things together
Under one head
That head is Jesus Christ
Who died and rose to life
And now he's seated
At the right hand of God

2. Once we were dead in sin
Now we are raised with him
By grace we're saved, through faith
In Jesus alone
Part of his body now
United by his power
Joined with his people
A-all over the world

*We are the church, have you heard?
He washed us clean with his word
He chose us to be on his team
We are more loved than we could dream
We've got good news, shout it out
You've got to hear what it's all about*

*No-one's too far away to be
Welcomed into God's family*

3. Speaking the truth in love
To build the body up
We serve each other
Using gifts from the king

We pray for unity
So everyone will see
God's plan in action
In his people today

One Lord, one faith
One God, one Father
One body, one spirit
We are one in Christ

One hope, one truth
One cross, one Saviour
One mission, one future
We are one in Christ
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We are the church...

Gareth Loh and Dan Adams

Prayers

Bible readings

Numbers 13:1-3

The LORD said to Moses, ² 'Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders.'

³ So at the LORD's command Moses sent them out from the Desert of Paran. All of them were leaders of the Israelites.

Numbers 13:21

So they went up and explored the land from the Desert of Zin as far as Rehob, towards Lebo Hamath.

Numbers 13:26-14:25

They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. ²⁷ They gave Moses this account: 'We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. ²⁸ But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. ²⁹ The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan.'

³⁰ Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, 'We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.'

³¹ But the men who had gone up with him said, 'We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are.' ³² And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, 'The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. ³³ We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.'

14 That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. ² All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, 'If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness! ³ Why is the LORD bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?' ⁴ And they said to each other, 'We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.'

⁵ Then Moses and Aaron fell face down in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. ⁶ Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes ⁷ and said to the entire Israelite assembly, 'The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. ⁸ If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. ⁹ Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them.'

¹⁰ But the whole assembly talked about stoning them. Then the glory of the LORD appeared at the tent of meeting to all the Israelites. ¹¹ The LORD said to Moses, 'How long will these people treat me with contempt? How long will they refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the signs I have performed among them? ¹² I will strike them down with a plague and destroy them, but I will make you into a nation greater and stronger than they.'

¹³ Moses said to the LORD, 'Then the Egyptians will hear about it! By your power you brought these people up from among them. ¹⁴ And they will tell the inhabitants of this land about it. They have already heard that you, LORD, are with these people and that you, LORD, have been seen face to face, that your cloud stays over them, and that you go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. ¹⁵ If you put all these people to death, leaving none alive, the nations who have heard this report about you will say, ¹⁶ "The LORD was not able to bring these people into the land he promised them on oath, so he slaughtered them in the wilderness."

¹⁷ 'Now may the Lord's strength be displayed, just as you have declared: ¹⁸ "The LORD is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation." ¹⁹ In accordance with your great love, forgive the sin of these people, just as you have pardoned them from the time they left Egypt until now.'

²⁰ The LORD replied, 'I have forgiven them, as you asked. ²¹ Nevertheless, as surely as I live and as surely as the glory of the LORD fills the whole earth, ²² not one of those who saw my glory and the signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness but who disobeyed me and tested me ten times – ²³ not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their ancestors. No one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it. ²⁴ But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it. ²⁵ Since the Amalekites and the Canaanites are living in the valleys, turn back tomorrow and set out towards the desert along the route to the Red Sea.'

Song: As surely as the dawn will come
as certain as the day
there's comfort for the weary
hope for all who stray.
The father holds his arms out wide
and bids the sinner come
find shelter in the storm
as certain as the day
as surely as the dawn.

2. As surely as the dawn will come
it was for me he died
my hands drove in the nails
my selfishness, my pride.
And though my heart is black with sin
the morning light breaks through
and hope has been reborn
for mercy comes anew
as surely as the dawn.

3. As surely as the dawn will come
we'll rise to meet new life
redemption's price is paid
God's wrath is satisfied.
Now kindness is the air we breathe
forgiveness, grace will come
anew to us each morn
as certain as the day
as surely as the dawn.

Simone Richardson & Philip Percival

Talk: Rebellion

Confession: Father,
we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself
as those who once were dead
but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song: 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.

2. 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 reign.

*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*

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

4. 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

We will stand...

5. 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 all who call upon His name

We will stand...

Keith & Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend

Tonight

6pm service on Zoom

Apostles' Creed: God the Father
Speaker: Leon Catallo

Next week

10.30 livestream

Homeward bound: Cleansing
Numbers 19 Speaker: Al Horn

6pm service on Zoom

Apostles' Creed: Almighty
Speaker: Leon Catallo

Please join us on Youtube at 10.30 and Zoom at 6pm