

**Order of service**  
**Sunday, May 3, 2020**

**Welcome**

**Hymn: The ninety & nine**

1

There were ninety and nine that safely lay  
In the shelter of the flock,  
But one was out on the hills away,  
Far off in the cold and dark;  
Away on the mountains wild and bare,  
Away from the tender Shepherd's care.

2

"Lord, Thou hast here Thy ninety and nine;  
Are they not enough for Thee?"  
But the Shepherd made answer: "This of Mine  
Has wandered away from Me;  
And although the road be rough and steep,  
I go to the desert to find My sheep."

3

But none of the ransomed ever knew  
How deep were the waters crossed;  
Nor how dark was the night which the Lord passed through  
Ere He found His sheep that was lost.  
Out in the bleak desert He heard its cry—  
All bleeding and helpless, and ready to die.

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're pierced tonight by many a thorn."

5

And all through the mountains, thunder-riven,  
And up from the rocky steep,  
There arose a 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!"  
(Repeat the last line of each stanza)

## **Call to worship**

## **Opening prayer & Lord's prayer song**

### **Hymn: Blessed assurance VU 337**

1

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.

#### **Refrain**

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

2

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels, descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. R

3

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in Christ's love. R

## **A Time for All God's Children**

### **Hymn: I'm gonna live/I've got peace VU 575/577**

1

I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

2

I'm gonna live so God can use me  
I'm gonna work so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me

anywhere, Lord, anytime!

3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

### **VU 577**

1 I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.

2 I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.

3 I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

### **Scripture reading: 1 Peter 1: 3-9**

From *The Message Bible*

3 What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, 4 including a future in heaven - and the future starts now! 5 God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you'll have it all - life healed and whole. 6 I know how great this makes you feel, even though you have to put up with every kind of aggravation in the meantime. 7 Pure gold put in the fire comes out of it proved pure; genuine faith put through this suffering comes out proved genuine. When Jesus wraps this all up, it's your faith, not your gold, that God

will have on display as evidence of his victory. 8 You never saw him, yet you love him. You still don't see him, yet you trust him - with laughter and singing. 9 Because you kept on believing, you'll get what you're looking forward to: total salvation.

May God bless to our understanding this reading of his holy word.

### **Hymn: To God be the glory**

1

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life our redemption to win,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.  
Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice;  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice;  
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory; great things He hath done.

2

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. R

3

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see. R

### **Sermon**

### **Prayers of the people & benediction**

**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 thy 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.