



SERVICE OUTLINE SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 2020

JOHN CAVANDER

Welcome to our service this morning which has been prepared for us by John Cavander. We are again grateful to Rodney Duncan for bringing us the message and pray that this time of fellowship will be a blessing to you.

Let us commence our time together with prayer.

O Lord we may have come to this place with different thoughts and aspirations, experiences and expectations, concerns and anxieties, but we are also here to thank You for Your goodness, praise You for Your greatness and worship You for Your holiness

All glory and praise to You as we worship You alone, in spirit and in truth.

Tune us into what The Spirit is saying to Your Church today. Prepare us to hear, understand and follow Your will with confidence.

Prepare our hearts to enjoy this time of worship and may we be encouraged to step out boldly for you in the days ahead.

In Jesus' name, AMEN.

Sing [Majesty, worship His Majesty](#)

[All heaven declares, the glory of the Risen Lord.](#)

OUR CHURCH NEEDS TO BE ON A JOURNEY.

(The Church is the people of God. To journey is to move forward and make positive changes.)

Let us pray as a church, for our church.

- *Lord, we want our Church to be a Church on a journey.*
- *We want to worship You, as a Church, in positive meaningful ways which bring about stimulating, life-changing experiences and challenges in people's lives.*
- *We want to be a Church who effectively reaches out to the unchurched people of the North Shore and beyond.*
- *We want to be a Church whose members are fully led and motivated by Jesus and the Holy Spirit.*
- *We want to be a Church whose members readily share with each other and care for one another.*

- *We want to be a Church who connects newcomers with members, in close relationships, through an expanding range of interesting home/small groups, where there are opportunities for teaching, nurturing, healing, serving.*
- *We want to be a Church who serves and ministers to people in need, with community-care activities and programmes which meet the practical needs of the members, and the people and families of the North Shore.*
- *We want to be a church with a strong, well known network of helpers and supporters.*
- *We want to be a vibrant inter-generational, multicultural Church community that is always focused on You, Lord.*
- *We want to be a praying Church who receives answers to prayer, as well as guidance and encouragement.*

Lord, we are members of this Church. Are we ready to begin or join this journey? The Bible is our guide, manual, chart of instruction. Guide us protect us, encourage us, we pray. Keep the vision before us as we journey on.

TO HONOUR GOD,

BY EXPRESSING HIS LOVE

AND MAKING/BECOMING TRUE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS.

AMEN.

Sing [O LORD MY GOD \(HOW GREAT THOU ART\)](#)

Bible Reading Ephesians 3:14–21

The Love of Christ

For this reason I fall on my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth receives its true name. I ask God from the wealth of His glory to give you power through His Spirit to be strong in your inner selves, and I pray that Christ will make His home in your hearts through faith. I pray that you may have your roots and foundation in love, so that you, together with all God's people, may have the power to understand how broad and long, how high and deep is Christ's love. Yes, may you come to know His love – although it can never be fully known – and so be completely filled with the very nature of God.

To Him, who by means of His power working in us is able to do so much more than we can ever ask for, or even think of, to God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time, for ever and ever. Amen.

SERMON

Confidence in God's Power - Rev Rodney Duncan

Sing

WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER (IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL)

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Refrain

*It is well, with my soul,
It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

2

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

3

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blessed assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

Refrain

4

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

Benediction

The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.