



## SERVICE OUTLINE SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2020

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### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Welcome to what we hope will be our last “online” service. Today will be a little different as, to remind us of Jesus great love and to draw us together again in fellowship, we will start with the song we ended with last week.

Let us listen to [SUCH LOVE, PURE AS THE WHITEST SNOW](#)

Now let us draw near to our Father God in Prayer.

*O Lord, we do thank You that we can come before You here in our homes, that You are with us.*

*We thank You for Your Love for us, constant over the years. For paying the debt we owe, for forgiving the ways we fail you, the Holy one. For granting us peace and purpose. For giving us the gift of Your Holy Spirit to guide and empower us and we ask that we may be sensitive to His leading.*

*We thank You for Rodney and the message he will bring us today and pray that we will be still and hear what You are saying to us for we ask these things in Jesus name, **Amen.***

Let us join together and sing [BE STILL FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD](#)

**Reading:** Psalm 103 v 1 – 18

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

<sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

<sup>6</sup> The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

<sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

<sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse, nor will he harbour his anger forever;

<sup>10</sup> he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

<sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

<sup>13</sup> *As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;*  
<sup>14</sup> *for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.*  
<sup>15</sup> *The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field;*  
<sup>16</sup> *the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.*  
<sup>17</sup> *But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him,*  
*and his righteousness with their children's children –*  
<sup>18</sup> *with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.*

**Let us praise our God, joining to sing [PRAISE MY SOUL THE KING OF HEAVEN](#)**

**Let us again join together in prayer.**

*O Lord, we thank You again for Your Love for us and the ways You have blessed us over the years. We thank You for our families and friends, for the lovely land we live in, for the spring flowers, for the warmth of the sun. We thank You for Your Word and all we learn of You, of Your Love, Your omnipotence, Your wisdom.*

*We thank You for our Church family here at Milford, and would ask that You would clearly guide us to the Pastor you would have lead us here, that we may effectively be your witnesses in this area. We thank you for the appointment of Rick Pierce as our Northern Region Network Pastor and pray that he will be empowered to support the Pastors and Churches that we may truly serve You and reveal You to the world around us. May the Churches in this land be stirred up to spread the Good News that we may become a Christian country again.*

*We thank You that we can bring our requests to You and we ask that You will be with those of our Church Family who are not well or have problems. We particularly ask that You will be with Pat Jagger, Frank Corin, Glenys Lawrence, Anita Atkins, Amal Babahami, Maurice Bartlett, Rob Bellingham's grandson Jarrod, Melva Palmer, and Erica Chilver. Uphold each one, O Lord, and also be with those who are no longer able to come to meet with us. We ask to that You will bless the activities of the Church as they are able to resume.*

*We pray for our land and America as elections are drawing closer and ask that responsible people will be elected who will fulfil your purposes and that the referenda will have the right outcomes. We thank You that You do answer prayer and that the Court case against Bible in Schools has been withdrawn. We ask that they may continue to introduce the young people of this land to You.*

*We ask all these things in Jesus' name. Amen*

We are thankful that we can trust in Jesus' name.

**Let us sing [MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS \(CORNERSTONE\)](#)**

**Reading:** Matt. 15 v 1 – 20

**15** Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, <sup>2</sup>“Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don’t wash their hands before they eat!”

<sup>3</sup>Jesus replied, “And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? <sup>4</sup>For God said, ‘Honour your father and mother’<sup>[a]</sup> and ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>5</sup>But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is ‘devoted to God,’ <sup>6</sup>they are not to ‘honour their father or mother’ with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. <sup>7</sup>You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:

<sup>8</sup>“These people honour me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me.

<sup>9</sup>They worship me in vain;  
their teachings are merely human rules.”<sup>[a]</sup>”

<sup>10</sup>Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen and understand. <sup>11</sup>What goes into someone’s mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.”

<sup>12</sup>Then the disciples came to him and asked, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?”

<sup>13</sup>He replied, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. <sup>14</sup>Leave them; they are blind guides.<sup>[a]</sup> If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.”

<sup>15</sup>Peter said, “Explain the parable to us.”

<sup>16</sup>“Are you still so dull?” Jesus asked them. <sup>17</sup>“Don’t you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? <sup>18</sup>But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.”

**Sing** [MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST MY SAVIOUR](#)

**SERMON** - Rodney Duncan “[It’s what’s inside that counts](#)”-

**Sing** [CHANGE MY HEART O LORD, MAKE IT EVER NEW](#)

### **Benediction**

God of Power may the boldness of Your Spirit transform us,  
May the gentleness of Your Spirit lead us,  
May the gifts of Your spirit equip us to serve and worship You  
Now and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.