

***ORDER OF SERVICE***

Conducted by Minister Craig Gaffney

***WELCOME & GATHERING***

***Hymn: What a Friend we have in Jesus***

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations,  
is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness:  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge —  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
in his arms he'll take and shield you,  
you will find a solace there.

***OPENING PRAYERS***

***Reading: Psalm 23***  
***Read by Lana Buckley***

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,  
he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD  
forever.

***Eulogy***  
***Written by David Smith***

***Piece of Music***  
***Bette Midler, Wind Beneath my Wings***

*Reading: John 14:1-6, 27*  
*Read by Graham Sparkes*

*Sermon*  
*Prayer Responses*

*Hymn: Love Divine all Loves Excelling*

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

***Reading: Proverbs 3:13-17***  
***Read by Mary Sparkes***

***Extract from I Vowe to thee my Country***  
***Read by Valerie Raeburn***

I vow to thee, my country  
All earthly things above  
Entire and whole and perfect  
The service of my love

The love that asks no questions  
The love that stands the test  
That lays upon the altar  
The dearest and the best

The love that never falters  
The love that pays the price  
The love that makes undaunted  
The final sacrifice

And there's another country  
I've heard of long ago  
Most dear to them that love her  
Most great to them that know

We may not count her armies  
We may not see her King  
Her fortress is a faithful heart  
Her pride is suffering

And soul by soul and silently  
Her shining bounds increase  
And her ways are ways of gentleness  
And all her paths are peace