

St Andrew's with Castle Gate URC
Order for Worship for Sunday 21st July 2024 at 11.00am **New Music**
Sunday

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship – Psalm 33:1-4

Hymn – 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the ev'ning comes.

*Bless the Lord, Oh my soul.
Oh my soul, worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, Oh my soul.
I worship your holy name.*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come,
still my soul will sing your praise unending
ten thousand years and then forevermore.

*Bless the Lord, Oh my soul.
Oh my soul, worship his holy name.*

*Sing like never before, Oh my soul.
I worship your holy name.
Yes, I will worship your holy name.
Lord, I worship your holy name.*

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Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Reading – Colossians 3:12-17

Family Talk

Anthem

Hymn – In Christ Alone (MP 1072)

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone – who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save
till on that cross as Jesus died,

the wrath of God was satisfied,

for ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain,
then, bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine –
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from His hand;
till He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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Blessing for the Offertory and for the Junior Church
(Junior Church leave)

Reading – Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Hymn – Lord, you have come to the seashore (CH4 532)

Lord, you have come to the seashore,
neither searching for the rich nor the wise,
desiring only that I should follow.

*O Lord, with your eyes set upon me,
gently smiling, you have spoken my name.
All I longed for I have found by the water,
at your side I will seek other shores.*

Lord, see my goods, my possessions;
in my boat you find no power, no wealth.
Will you accept, then, my nets and labour?
O Lord, with your eyes set upon me,

Lord, take my hands, and direct them.
Help me spend myself in seeking the lost,
returning love for the love you gave me.
O Lord, with your eyes set upon me,

Lord, as I drift on the waters,
be the resting-place of my restless heart,
my life's companion, my friend and refuge.
O Lord, with your eyes set upon me,

"Lord, you have come to the seashore"

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Talk – A change is as good as a rest

Hymn – She Sits Like a Bird (StF 393)

She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters,
hovering on the chaos of the world's first day;
she sighs and she sings, mothering creation,
waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.

She wings over earth, resting where she wishes,
lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies;
she nests in the womb, welcoming each wonder,
nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.

She dances in fire, startling her spectators,
waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness reigned;
she weans and inspires all whose hearts are open,
nor can she be captured, silenced or restrained.

For she is the Spirit, one with God in essence,
gifted by the Saviour in eternal love;
and she is the key opening the scriptures,
enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.

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Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn – Together through the Father's love (URC Anniversary Competition)

Together through the Father's love
we are one family.

His love in us, our love for him
holds all in unity.

Let us praise and sing
for he's good and true;
love and mercy flows.

From him all things are made new.

Together on the Jesus road
we learn his servant heart,
discov'ring that humility
is where true blessing starts.

Let us walk his way
raise our voice in song
to the Love, whose love
is our joy and makes us one.

Together when the Spirit leads,
her whisper like a dove,
resisting our complacency
she kindles gifts of love.

Let the breath of life
spark in us a flame
for a hurting world
to find comfort for its pain.

We stand together on this day
and make our pledge in faith,
with hope for all the future holds
and trusting in your grace.

We will journey on
guided by your Word;
voices, hearts and lives
singing "Jesus Christ is Lord!"
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Benediction (Sung Amen)