



Order of Service



30 July 2023
10 am



Worship led by:
Rev Dr André Groenewald
Organist Martin and choir

Gathering of God's People

Words of welcome and announcements.

Please stand for the Bible to enter the sanctuary.

Call to worship (Psalm 119:132-133)

Minister: Turn to me and have mercy on me,
as you always do to those who love your name.

**All: Direct my footsteps according to your word;
let no sin rule over me.**

Beloved, I greet you in the Name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

CH4 641 Seek ye first the kingdom of God.

Opening prayer and the Lord's Prayer

We ask this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our
debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the
kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

Choir sings "Grace is when God gives us the things we don't deserve"
- Paul Crouch & David Mudie.

Reflecting on God's Word

Reading: Matthew 13:44-46.

Reader: David Booth.

CH4 543 **Longing for light, we wait in darkness.**

Sermon

Responding to God's word

Prayer of thanksgiving: Elaine McCullough.

CH4 553 **Just as I am.**

Benediction

Sung Amen, Amen, Amen.

Please remain standing as The Bible is removed.

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*You are invited to stay for tea and coffee which are served in
the hall.*

Psalm 119:129-136 www.rootsontheweb.com

This is just one part of the long hymn of praise for God's law that is Psalm 119. Using physical images of panting and streaming tears, the psalmist expresses real passion for God's decrees, and explains why they are so valuable. The law is a protective power that turns aside the attacks of wicked and oppressive people. This is expressed in images of light shining from God's face, scattering the darkness.

A prayer of confession

Lord, we confess that the concerns of the world weigh us down.
We worry about our needs, our wants, how others perceive us.
We are so overwhelmed that we fail to riddle the gold from life's
dross.

We turn to you, seeking the assurance that your kingdom is
with us and among us;
help us to discern where it lies, so that we may turn our backs
on all else.

Grant us the patience to seek you and your ways
with the forbearance you show as you wait for us.

Amen.