

### Order of service

*Please stand when the Holy Bible is brought into Church, then sit for the Welcome and Notices*

### Call to Worship

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

**Hymn:** R&S 536 New every morning is the day.

### Prayers of Adoration and Confession

**Hymn:** R&S 353 There's a wideness in God's mercy

*The children leave for their own activities or crèche.*

**The Old Testament reading:** 1 Samuel 8 4-20

**Psalm 138** *(please join in the words in bold type)*

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;

**I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

On the day I called, you answered me,

**You increased my strength of soul.**

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

**They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
for great is the glory of the Lord.**

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;

**But the haughty he regards from far away.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

You preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;

**You stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.**

The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me;

Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever.

**Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

**The New Testament reading:** 2 Corinthians 4 vv 13 – 5v1

**The Gospel reading:** Mark 3 vv 20-35

**The Anthem:** A prayer of St Richard of Chichester (L J White)

### The Sermon

**Hymn:** R&S 41 For the beauty of the earth

### Reception into membership of Suzanne Westran – Congregational responses

Minister: In welcoming Suzanne as a fellow- member in the life of this church, do you promise your friendship in the Lord, and will you give her your support in prayer and service, so that she, with us, may continue to grow in the knowledge and love of God and witness to Jesus Christ our risen Lord?

**Congregation: We do, and with God's help, we will.**

Minister: God of grace, you call us to be your servant people, and gather us into the body of Christ. We thank you for sending us Suzanne to work with us in serving your kingdom. Confirm us all in the power of your covenant to live in your spirit, to love each other and to share the mind of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

The new Church Member is greeted with the right hand of Fellowship.

**All: In the name of Christ we welcome you.**

**May we grow together in unity, and be built up into the body of Christ in love.**

**To the glory of God, Father , son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**Hymn: Precious Lord , Take My Hand See separate sheet**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**The Lord's Prayer: R&S – inside back cover**

**The Offertory and Doxology: R&S 21**

**Hymn: R&S 414 When, in our music, God is glorified.**

**The Benediction and Three-fold Amen**