

Worship at Trafalgar Presbyterian Church February 25th, 2024
Rev. Dr. Stuart Macdonald preaching

PRELUDE, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MEDITATION MUSIC:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

OPENING SONG: *As the deer*

(Martin Nystrom)

♪ *As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after you
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.*

***Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.***

*I want you more than gold and silver, only you can satisfy
You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye. Refrain*

CHILDREN'S TIME : #408 *I will call upon the Lord*

(Michael O'Shields)

PRAYERS OF ADORATION/CONFESSION/LORD'S PRAYER: (said)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil – for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, AMEN

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

♪ Anthem: *Abide with me*

(Locke)

♪ *Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, & to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, Amen*

SCRIPTURE: Mark 8:31-38

Reader: Ruth Smith

This is the word of the Lord - ...thanks be to God.

HYMN: *Psalm 23 His love is my resting place*

(Wendell Kimbrough)

♪ *The Lord is my guide and friend, I rest well when I'm with him
No hunger or thirst or anxious need when my Lord is here with me*

***Refrain: His love is my resting place, my Shepherd is kind, and full of grace
The arms of my Lord are strong and safe, his love is my resting place***

*The shadow of death may fall with darkness upon my way,
But always my Lord is near to me, his love is my resting place. Refrain*

*Your goodness will be my feast. Your kindness will overflow
And always your love will follow me and your house will be my home. Refrain*

MESSAGE: “A different vision”

PASTORAL PRAYER:

CLOSING HYMN: #478 *To Abraham and Sarah*

(Judith Fetter; Thornbury)

♪ *To Abraham and Sarah, the call of God was clear:
'Go forth and I will show you a country rich and fair.
You need not fear the journey for I have pledged my word:
that you shall be my people and I will be your God.'*

*From Abraham and Sarah arose a pilgrim race,
dependent for their journey on God's abundant grace.
and in their heart was written by God this saving word:
that you shall be my people and I will be your God.'*

*We of this generation on whom God's hand is laid,
can journey to the future secure and unafraid!
rejoicing in God's goodness and trusting in this word:
that you shall be my people and I will be your God.'*

BENEDICTION:

BLESSING SONG: *Go now in peace*

(Don Besig)

POSTLUDE: