

A thanksgiving service for the life and faith of

**John Smart**

14/3/1948 - 7/5/2019



*For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive*

*(1 Corinthians 15: 22)*

Welcome & opening prayer Rev. Hans Vaatstra

**Psalm 139 O God, you search me**

1. O God, you search me and you know me all my thoughts lie open to your gaze. When I walk or lie down you are before me, ever the maker and keeper of my days.
2. You know my resting and my rising, you discern my purpose from afar and with love everlasting you besiege me; in every moment of life and death you are.
3. Where can I go Lord from your Spirit? Oh to flee from you I know not where? If I rise up to heaven there I find you, and if in death I seek refuge you are there.
4. How precious are your thoughts to me God, their great sum – it's more than I can view! Should I count them the sand they would outnumber, when I awake I find I'm still with you.

**Scripture Reading** Isaiah 1:18-20 Murray Gray

**Hymn 173 Great is thy faithfulness**

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be....

***Refrain:** Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided, great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun moon and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness; to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

***Refrain***

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain**

**Musical Item** Woolston Family

**Scripture Reading** 1 Corinthians 15: 3 & 4 Rev. Hans Vaatstra

### **183 The Lord's my shepherd**

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; he makes me lie in pastures green he leads me by the still, still waters, his goodness restores my soul.

**Refrain** *And I will trust in you alone, and I will trust in you alone, for your endless mercy follows me, your goodness will lead me home.*

2. He guides my ways in righteousness, and he anoints my head with oil; and my cup – it overflows with joy; I feast on his pure delights.

**Refrain**

3. And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one, for you are with me, and your rod and staff are the comfort I need to know.

**Refrain**

Time of sharing by family members and friends of John Smart

### **525 Now unto him**

Now unto him who is able to keep, able to keep you from falling, and present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever, amen.

The family of John Smart wishes to thank everyone who have supported them at this time and especially in taking the time to come to this service to commemorate the grace of God in John's life

All are invited to stay afterwards for a light lunch and refreshments in the hall behind the church

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