

# CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost November 14, 2021

# O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

#### Verse 1

O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise The glories of my God and King The triumphs of His grace

# Verse 2

My gracious Master and my God Assist me to proclaim To spread through all the earth abroad The honours of Thy name

#### Verse 3

Jesus the name that charms our fears That bids our sorrows cease 'Tis music in the sinner's ears 'Tis life and health and peace

#### Verse 4

He breaks the power of cancelled sin He sets the prisoner free His blood can make the foulest clean His blood availed for me

## Verse 5

Glory to God and praise and love Be ever ever given By saints below and saints above The church in earth and heaven

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#### Celebrant: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Summary of the Law

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

# PSALM 16

#### Verse 1 Keep me safe O God, You are my refuge You're my fortress strong, I will lack nothing So I rest in You, and Your Name sustains me You shelter me with life

#### Verse 2

You assign my cup even my portion You will lead me on to spacious pastures So I dwell secure, in your pleasant places You guide my way to life

#### Verse 3

I have set You Lord always before me You're at my right hand, nothing will shake me So my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices You show the way to life

#### Verse 4

You make known to me the path of true life Eternal joy and song are in your presence So I look to you, with You I have all things You are the way to life

Anne Calvin, 2018

# How Firm A Foundation

#### Verse 1

How firm a foundation You saints of the Lord Is laid for your faith In His excellent Word What more can He say Than to you He has said To you who for refuge To Jesus have fled

#### Verse 2

Fear not I am with you Oh be not dismayed For I am your God And will still give you aid I'll strengthen you help you And cause you to stand Upheld by My righteous Omnipotent hand

#### Chorus

I praise You Lord, Spirit and breath You hold my times in Your hands I praise You Lord, my pure delight Deep joy that never will end

# Verse 3

When through fiery trialsYour pathway shall lieMy grace all sufficientShall be your supplyThe flame shall not hurt youI only designYour dross to consumeAnd your gold to refine

# Verse 4

The soul that on Jesus Has leaned for repose I will not I will not Desert to his foes That soul though all hell Should endeavor to shake I'll never no never No never forsake

Bob Kauflin © 1999 Sovereign Grace Praise (c/o Integrity Music, Inc.) CCLI License # 11097686 Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And with your spirit.** Celebrant: Let us pray.

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that bringing forth in abundance the fruit of good works, they may be abundantly rewarded when our Savior Jesus Christ comes to restore all things; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

# Наваккик 1:1-13, 2:1-4

<sup>1</sup> The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

<sup>2</sup> O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? <sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. <sup>4</sup> So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted. <sup>5</sup> "Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told. <sup>6</sup> For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, who march through the breadth of the earth, to seize dwellings not their own. <sup>7</sup> They are dreaded and fearsome; their justice and dignity go forth from themselves. <sup>8</sup> Their horses are swifter than leopards, more fierce than the evening wolves; their horsemen press proudly on. Their horsemen come from afar; they fly like an eagle swift to devour. <sup>9</sup> They all come for violence, all their faces forward. They gather captives like sand. <sup>10</sup> At kings they scoff, and at rulers they laugh. They laugh at every fortress, for they pile up earth and take it.

- <sup>11</sup> Then they sweep by like the wind and go on, guilty men, whose own might is their god!"
- <sup>12</sup> Are you not from everlasting, O Lord my God, my Holy One? We shall not die.
- O Lord, you have ordained them as a judgment, and you, O Rock, have established them for reproof.
- <sup>13</sup> You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong,

why do you idly look at traitors and remain silent when the wicked swallows up the man more righteous than he?

- <sup>2:1</sup> I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower,
- and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.
- <sup>2</sup> And the Lord answered me:

"Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,

- so he may run who reads it.
- <sup>3</sup> For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
- If it seems slow, wait for it;
- it will surely come; it will not delay.
- <sup>4</sup> "Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God.** 

# PSALM 16

- <sup>1</sup> Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
- <sup>2</sup> I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
- I have no good apart from you."
- <sup>3</sup> As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.
- <sup>4</sup> The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.
- <sup>5</sup> The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

- <sup>6</sup> The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
- <sup>7</sup> I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
- <sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- <sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.
- <sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.
- <sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

# Hebrews 10:31-11:1

<sup>31</sup> It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

<sup>32</sup> But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, <sup>33</sup> sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. <sup>34</sup> For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. <sup>35</sup> Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. <sup>36</sup> For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. <sup>37</sup> For,

"Yet a little while,

and the coming one will come and will not delay;

<sup>38</sup> but my righteous one shall live by faith,

and if he shrinks back,

my soul has no pleasure in him."

<sup>39</sup> But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

<sup>11:1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

The Holy Bible, NIV

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God.** 

# Alleluia

At the Gospel reading, we stand and the Scripture is read in the midst of the congregation as a way to honor the truth that in Christ God became flesh and dwelt among us.

#### Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord Alleluia, Alleluia, Sing Praise to His Name

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark. People: Glory to you Lord Christ

# Mark 13:14-23

<sup>14</sup> "But when you see the abomination of desolation standing where he ought not to be (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. <sup>15</sup> Let the one who is on the housetop not go down, nor enter his house, to take anything out, <sup>16</sup> and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. <sup>17</sup> And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! <sup>18</sup> Pray that it may not happen in winter. <sup>19</sup> For in those days there will be such tribulation as has not been from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, and never will be. <sup>20</sup> And if the Lord had not cut short the days, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he shortened the days. <sup>21</sup> And then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'Look, there he is!' do not believe it. <sup>22</sup> For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. <sup>23</sup> But be on guard; I have told you all things beforehand.

The Holy Bible, ESV

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord *People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ** 

Sermon

Andy Bramsen

# The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer.** 

# CONFESSION OF SIN

You may kneel or sit during the prayer of confession

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Comfortable Words

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him...

# The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And with your spirit.** 

As we remember the peace that we have been given with God through his forgiveness, we also remember that He has made us at peace with one another. That is why we "exchange the peace." You may say "The peace of the Lord" to those around you, or just say "Hello."

Announcements

# The Offertory

In order to support the mission of the church financially, you may deposit your gifts in the collection box at the Welcome Table, send checks to Church of the Redeemer, P.O. Box 130965, St. Paul, MN 55113, or if you wish to give online or set up direct deposit from your bank account, please visit https://oftheredeemer.org/give/ using this QR code:

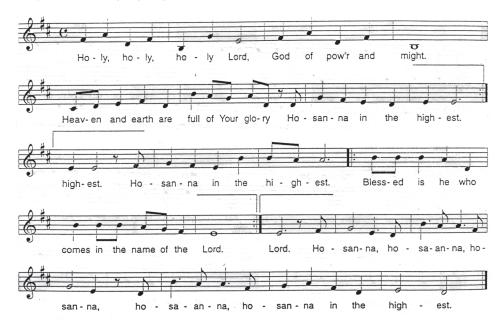


Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

# The Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them up to the Lord. Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give him thanks and praise. Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Celebrant and People: AMEN.

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray together,

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.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, once for all upon the cross.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant and People:

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,

but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.



Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### Directions for Communion

All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Communion. However, if you are not able to receive you may remain seated or come forward for a prayer of blessing from one of our ministers. Please indicate your desire for a prayer of blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

You will be dismissed to receive by one of our greeters. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please extend your hand to receive the bread and the cup and move toward the basket to consume the elements before returning to your seat. Please place the empty cup in the basket to the right or left of the server before you return to your seat.

If you would like to receive prayer for physical, emotional, or spiritual needs, prayer ministers are available at the rear of the sanctuary to pray with you during our communion worship and for a short time after the service. If others are being prayed for, you may wait in a nearby pew. This time of prayer is considered private and confidential, and whatever you share with prayer ministers will not be brought up again by them unless you initiate.

#### A Prayer When Unable to Receive Communion

Heavenly Father, I now join my heart and mind with all my brothers and sisters in Holy Mother Church throughout the world who gather at your holy table this day to remember your death and proclaim your resurrection. Accept my soul and body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, through the merits of your dear son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hasten the day when I may once more draw near with them to receive the most precious sacrament of your body and blood. Amen.

#### Alleluia

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# Before The Throne Of God Above

#### Verse 1

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea A great High Priest whose name is Love Who ever lives and pleads for me My name is graven on His hands My name is written on His heart I know that while in heav'n He stands No tongue can bid me thence depart No tongue can bid me thence depart

# Verse 2

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end of all my sin Because the sinless Savior died My sinful soul is counted free For God the Just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me To look on Him and pardon me

# BLESSED ASSURANCE

#### Verse 1

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine O what a foretaste of glory divine Heir of salvation purchase of God Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

# Chorus

This is my story this is my song Praising my Savior all the day long This is my story this is my song Praising my Savior all the day long

# Verse 2

Perfect submission perfect delight Visions of rapture now burst on my sight Angels descending bring from above Echoes of mercy whispers of love

#### Verse 3

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb My perfect spotless Righteousness The great unchangeable I Am The King of Glory and of grace One with Himself I cannot die My soul is purchased by His blood My life is hid with Christ on high With Christ my Savior and my God With Christ my Savior and my God

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© 1997 Sovereign Grace Worship (Admin. by Integrity's Hosanna! Music) CCLI License No. 11097686 Verse 3 Perfect submission all is at rest I in my Savior am happy and blest Watching and waiting looking above Filled with His goodness lost in His love

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# You Alone Can Rescue

#### Verse 1

Who O Lord could save themselves Their own soul could heal Our shame was deeper than the sea Your grace is deeper still

#### Chorus

And You alone can rescue You alone can save You alone can lift us from the grave You came down to find us Led us out of death To You alone belongs the highest praise

#### Verse 2

You O Lord have made a way The great divide You healed For when our hearts were far away Your love went further still Yes Your love goes further still

#### Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman

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#### Celebrant and People:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen. Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

# People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Out of respect for the space and our host congregation, please take a moment to check for papers, bulletins and other items as you leave the sanctuary today.

# Welcome!

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your presence with us! If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or added to our weekly email communication, please use this QR code. Thank you!



# Today's Preacher - Andy Bramsen

Andy grew up in Senegal, West Africa. He teaches political science and humanities at Bethel University and is a student at Bethel Seminary. At Church of the Redeemer, Andy has served as a member of the vestry and in other areas of ministry. He and his wife Sara, are the parents of four children, and live in Blaine.

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## Nursery and Preschool - 4:15 p.m.

Nursery and preschool children are invited to gather in Calvary's nursery during the worship service for stories, songs, and lots of movement. Parents can pick children up from the nursery at the passing of the Peace. Contact Sonia with questions.

#### Kindergarten - 3rd Grade 4:15 p.m.

Children in these grades will engage with biblical stories and the liturgy of the church using the Godly Play approach. This curriculum uses storytelling and open-ended response to encourage a deep and intrinsically-motivated faith in children. Contact Sonia or Rachel with

questions.

#### 4th - 5th Grade 4:15 p.m.

This year we will base our teaching on a curriculum called Echo the Story, which presents the big picture of God's story through chronological Bible narrative. This will be the first in a two-year sequence, Old Testament this year and New Testament next year. Contact Sara or Steffie with questions.

Kids' Listening Prayer, for K-5th grades, on Fourth Sundays, 3:45– 4:15 p.m.

# Youth Group

# Weekly on Sundays, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Youth in 6th-12th grades will meet on Sunday afternoons in the Activity Center at Calvary for large group activities and small group discipleship.

Small group leaders are Caleb Dahl, Courtney Hubers, Caleb Mostad, Katie Pitchford, and Colten Wilson. Please be in touch with them with any questions or encouragements as they minister to and with our youth.

# Youth Retreat at Trout Lake Camp - Winter Rush

Grades 6-12 February 25-27, 2022 More information and sign up link here:



# November 21, Following the Worship Service

Advent is a time of preparing to welcome the newborn King and taking stock of our readiness to meet the triumphant King. The church family

is invited to stay after the service on Sunday, November 21 for a simple soup supper and the opportunity to consider practices that can enrich our observance of this important time of preparation. Please RSVP using this QR code:



# Women of Redeemer Bible Studies

This year we will study the book of Acts, a continuation of the Gospel of Luke. As we study this narrative of the early Church, we will also be reading New Testament letters as they are relevant to the life of the first century body of Christ. Meeting plans will be sensitive to public health guidelines.

- Mondays at 7 pm. Contact Barbie Anderson, bwanderson70@ comcast.net, 651-491-3536.
- Thursdays at 9:30am. Contact Cindy Calvin, cindycalvin@me.com, 612-889-9963.

# MORNING PRAYER - WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 A.M.

# Morning Prayer meets via Zoom on Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m. each week.

Morning Prayer follows a brief order of service lasting approximately 30 minutes that includes musical worship, scripture readings, a brief reflection on the day's scripture passage, and prayer. Login information and a downloadable orders of service is available using this QR code:



# Good Neighbor Team

Our Good Neighbor Team is providing friendship and practical support to the Almahamid family as they adapt to life in the United States. As the weather turns colder, the team has collected warm clothing, socks, shoes, and boots for the family.

Church of the Redeemer will use benevolence funds to provide the Almahamids with gift cards so that they can purchase any remaining clothing and shoes that they need. To give towards the benevolence fund, please use the giving link on page nine and select "benevolence fund."

# Advent & Christmas Choir

SING to the LORD a new song! (Ps. 149:1) We are happy to announce the Church of the Redeemer Choir will restart in time for Advent and Christmas. We will sing for Advent services on Dec. 5 and 19th, on Christmas Eve, and Jan. 9. Weekly rehearsals begin on Nov. 14th at 3:15 and all singers, 9th grade through adult are welcome and encouraged to join us! For more information, contact Jim or Sandy Fulton: sandy.fulton@comcast.net & jim.fulton@comcast.net.

# More Deeply Rooted – Building Team Update

The building team has drafted a letter to churches in St. Paul and its nearby suburbs that briefly describes Church of the Redeemer and our desire to find a permanent place of worship. If you would be willing to hand-deliver copies of the letter to churches in your neighborhood, please contact the building team at seekingahome@oftheredeemer. org or reach out directly to Dan Leafblad, Jordan Schroeder, or Holly Willmarth.

General Fund Giving Summary		
As of	Actual Giving	Budgeted Giving
Nov. 7, 2021	\$117,208	\$114,000

To support the mission of the church financially, you may send checks to Church of the Redeemer, P.O. Box 130965, St. Paul, MN 55113, or if you wish to give online or set up direct deposit from your bank account, please visit <u>https://oftheredeemerorg/give/</u>

# Notes

# <u>Staff</u>

Rev. Paul Calvin - Rector

Sonia Keillor - Parish Administrator

Rev. Liz Stewart - Deacon Pastor of Discipleship & Spiritual Formation Sabbatical Sept. 1–Nov. 30

# Ministry Teams

Altar Guild - <u>Barbara Leafblad</u> Finance - <u>Roger Scharf</u> Website Manager - <u>Caleb Molstad</u> Hospitality Team - <u>Todd Willmarth</u> Missions Team - Rev. <u>Dawn Lundgren</u> Music - <u>Paul Calvin</u> Prayer Ministry - Rev. <u>Dawn Lundgren</u> Youth Leadership Team Sonia Keillor Bjorn Lundgren

Children's Leadership Team Sara Bramsen Sonia Keillor Rachel Knight Liz Stewart Steffie Williams

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