YOUR NEIGHBOUR IS THIRSTY
Service Outline

*This is a suggested service outline that churches in Scotland can use with the **Your Neighbour is Thirsty** model talk. The prayers and readings may all be used independently and the outline can be adapted to suit the particular congregation.*

CALL TO WORSHIP	**Psalm 95:1-7a** 'Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.'
HYMN	*All Who are Thirsty* – Brenton Brown Or *As the Deer Pants for the Water* – Martin J Nystrom
PRAYER	Loving Creator, We come to you today knowing that all creation cries out in praise and worship to you. We thank you, that as we look upon the beauty of all that has been created, we see something of your artistry, your skill and your wisdom. We are left in wonder at you, the one who has created all things. From the grandeur of the Grand Canyon to the delicateness of the dandelion, your creation leads us to bow in worship and adoration of you. As we worship you today, we ask that you will meet with us and leave us awestruck by your presence. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen. **Continued over the page...**

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HYMN	*Oceans* – Hillsong United or ***Here I am, Lord*** – Daniel Schutte
SCRIPTURE READING	**Isaiah 44:1-5** 'But now listen, Jacob, my servant, Israel, whom I have chosen. This is what the Lord says – he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you: Do not be afraid, Jacob, my servant, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams. Some will say, "I belong to the Lord"; others will call themselves by the name of Jacob; still others will write on their hand, "The Lord's," and will take the name Israel.'
TALK	See model talk including film.
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION	Let us pray: 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.' (Matthew 5:6-7) Wonderful Saviour, you taught us that we would be blessed if we thirst for righteousness. We stand today and ask that you would help us to thirst for righteousness. As we see the injustices of the world, with some having plentiful and others having so little, we ask that you will enable us to seek mercy and justice. We pray for Orbisa and her family in Ethiopia and those like her around the world who literally thirst for righteousness. When we only need to walk a few steps to access clean water, we struggle to fully understand what it is like to walk for hours each day in order to get barely enough water. Lord, for those around the world who lack water, may they see their thirst quenched. **Continued over the page...**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (CONTINUED)	We pray for those around the world who find themselves in fragile states. For those who fear for their lives through conflict, who lack the stability that most of us take for granted in our homes and family. We remember those who are still living in or have fled places such as Syria, Yemen and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Lord, for those around the world who lack peace, may they see their joy restored. Finally, we pray for those that we personally know who are going through a difficult time, in silence we pray for them now. [Pause] For all of these things, we ask for your mercy. Amen.
OFFERING	
HYMN	*Raise a Hallelujah* – Bethel Music or *Be still for the presence of the Lord* – David J Evans
BENEDICTION	'Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.' (Ephesians 3:20-21)

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