

Pilgrim Uniting Church 12 Flinders Street Adelaide



9.30AM COMMUNITY WORSHIP

Sunday 15th May 2011

This church is fitted with a hearing loop which covers the body of the church. Hearing aid wearers are advised to switch their aid to T-setting.

Acknowledgement:

We acknowledge the Kaurna people, the first inhabitants of this place. We honour them for their custodianship of the land on which we gather today.

Invitation to worship

L: Day by day, God leads us:

CE: to the deep, deep pools of peace, CW: to the green, lush lawns of grace.

L: Day by day, Jesus calls us:

CE: to pour out ourselves in service, CW: to anoint the stranger with hope. L: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us: CE: the community we could be,

CW: the family we are called to become Thom Shuman

Prayer for new beginnings

Psalm 23 – a new translation and setting – Paul Kelly

A Word of Hope

Welcome to this community

Song: Breathe in the Morning Air

Breathe in the morning air; inhale its fragrancy. Be still and trust the sacredness that dwells within; who's ever near; who knows our fears; whose presence calms our restless souls.

Rest in this sacred space; lie down in pastures green. Be present to the myst'ry of this holy place. Hear singing streams; feel earth's embrace; see how our lives are touched by grace.

Walk in the way of love, of justice and of peace. Bring loving to a world of pain and loneliness. Reach out in love and gentleness to heal the hurt of brokenness.

Here in this darkest vale, shadowed by grief and fear, we sense a loving presence that our hearts sustain. Our fears subside; our minds are calm; our panic flees, and peace remains.

Trust in the love of God; believe that goodness lives, that hope and joy and beauty will embrace our days. Pursued by love and touched by grace, our thankful hearts will offer praise. Helen Wiltshire

Bible Reading: Acts 2: 42-47

Characteristics of the Early Church

- 1. teaching and fellowship,
- 2. friendship and acts of caring
- 3. hospitality and sharing bread
- 4. prayer

Witness

Song: "Where the light of Easter Day"

Where the light of Easter Day shines through our life, then faith can say, Christ is living, Christ is moving, Christ is changing all the world. Here is God's good kingdom! Where the yeast of love will rise, bubbling with God's new enterprise, Christ is living, Christ is moving, Christ is working through the world. Here is God's good kingdom!

Where a child can grow in trust, where there is joy that powers are just, Christ is living, Christ is moving, Christ will colour all the world. Here is God's good kingdom!

Where the harvests ripen in peace, where all the sounds of gunfire cease, Christ is living, Christ is moving, Christ is healing all the world. Here is God's good kingdom!

Where the Spirit's flame burns bright, where there is truth and health and light, Christ is living, Christ is moving, Christ will resurrect the world.

Here is God's good kingdom! Shirley Erena Murray

The Communion

Communion Prayer

- L. Gracious God, we give you thanks and praise.
- P. It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- L. We remember the stories and traditions of our faith: of Jesus in the garden appearing to Mary and calling her by name... of Jesus appearing to the disciples and saying, 'Peace be with you'... of Jesus appearing to Thomas and saying, 'Do not doubt, but believe'...

of Jesus walking on the road to Emmaus, talking to his followers... of Jesus sharing breakfast on the beach with some companions... And so we offer our praise, singing:

Song: SGP33 Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy is our God: God the Lord of earth and heaven, Holy, Holy is our God. Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy is our God; God the Lord of all of hist'ry, Holy, Holy is our God.

Who accompanies our people, who lives within our struggles; of all the earth and heaven the one and only Lord.
Blest are those who in the Lord's name announce the holy Gospel, proclaiming forth the Good News: our liberation comes. *Misa Populaire Salvadorena*

We also remember at the end of a journey, among friends, gathered round a table... Jesus took bread...

Prayer

Please move to the front of the church and form a circle around the communion table. People who prefer to sit rather than stand are invited to move to a front pew. Sharing will take place in small groups.

We have been welcomed, healed, restored, fed, and empowered. Thanks be to God.

Prayers for the world

Please remain in groups for prayers.

Song: God is

In loving, God is gift; in giving, God is care; in caring, God is grief; in grieving God is grace.

Helen Wiltshire

Benediction