

*The church is fitted with a hearing loop which covers the body of the church. To receive most benefit, hearing aid wearers are advised to switch their hearing aid to T-setting.*



**Pilgrim Uniting Church**  
12 Flinders Street, Adelaide



**9.30 COMMUNITY WORSHIP**

**Pentecost 20**

**11th October 2015**

**Anti-Poverty Week**



*Candles are lit.*

Teach us to number our days so we can have a wise heart. Psalm 90: 12

God open our eyes that we might see today with eyes of love.

Christ open our hearts that we might respond today with your heart of compassion.

Spirit, open our lives that we might reach out today with hands of healing.

Creator, redeemer, sustainer, open us to your journey,  
that we might lead others into your shalom and wholeness. Christine Sine.

**Gathering prayer**

Immerse yourselves in the love of God.

Be patient as God is patient.

Be kind as God is kind.

Be selfless as God is selfless.

*Music interlude. Candles lit at prayer stations*

Immerse yourself in the love of God.

Rejoice in the truth.

Endure all that is bad.

Hope for all that is good.

*Music interlude. Candles lit at prayer stations*

Immerse yourself in the love of God.  
Care for your neighbour.  
Give to the poor. Speak out for justice.

*Music interlude. Candles lit at prayer stations*

Immerse yourself in the love of God.  
Love is God's heart.  
Love is God's language.  
Love never ends.  
Immerse yourself in the love of God. *(Christine Sine)*

**Song:** SfP 44 The love of God comes close  
*(you may like to replace 'his' in the last line with 'God's')*

### **Acknowledgement of Land**

### **Welcome**

### **Early Word**

**Song:** TiS 686 Lord Jesus we belong to you

**Reading:** Mark 10: 17-31

### **Witness**

**Song:** SfP 45 The Summons

**Prayer stations - for prayer and meditation**  
*(\* the offering will be one of the prayer stations)*

*Music gathers us into community*

**Video:** Bono TED talk  
"The good news on poverty" - signs of hope and transformation.

We dare to pray: that the world will be changed,  
**For we long to see the end of poverty;**  
We dare to pray: that the rules will be changed,  
**For we long to see our economic structures bring justice to the poor;**  
We dare to pray: that our life will be changed,  
**For we long to bring hope where the Good News is needed.**

In the strength of God's spirit  
And inspired by the compassion of Jesus:  
**We commit to work for change,  
and wait confidently for the day  
when God makes all things new  
and those who weep will rejoice.**

**Song:** TiS 690 Beauty for brokenness

### **Words of Mission and Blessing**

May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that we will live deeply in our hearts. May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people and the earth, so that we will work for justice, equity and peace. May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer, so that we will reach out our hands to comfort them and change their pain to joy. And may God bless us with the foolishness to think that we can make a difference in our world so that we will do the things which others say cannot be done. *(Prayer attributed to St Francis of Assisi)*

### **Passing the peace**

*This service was prepared by Rose Milton-Head and Sandy Boyce.  
The music was led by Judy Homburg with the support of the 9.30am musicians.  
Graeme McIntosh led the singing. Thanks to Peter Russell on the a-v and Allan Forbes  
for his tireless work on the videos and images we use in the 9.30am services.*

*At the conclusion of the service, please join us for refreshments and conversation  
in the Pilgrim Hall.*