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The Choir of Pilgrim Church

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*Please join us for tea or coffee and fellowship in the Lounge
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Pilgrim
Uniting Church

11.00am
Choral Eucharist

Sunday, 13th October 2019

Pentecost 18
COCU60C

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Hearing aid wearers are advised to switch their aid to T-setting.*



Artist Unknown

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE

The people stand for the entrance of the Bible.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Fresh as the morning, as sure as the sunrise,
God's unfailing love and mercy are always with us.
Let us worship the One who is the source of our faith and hope.
In God, we live and move, and have our being.

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HYMN 534 O for a thousand tongues to sing
424)

(Tune: Richmond)

WELCOME and GREETING

Those who wish to do so may share a sign of peace with those immediately around them using words such as 'God's Peace be with you / and also with you'. Please respect those who wish to use the time for quiet contemplation.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, as we gather this morning in this house of worship, we acknowledge your presence with us.
We come to add our human voices to the chorus of praise raised by your creation!
We come as we are - distracted and weary, hopeful and open - knowing that you accept us and are ever mindful of our cares and joys.
Quieten in us now the many voices that clamour for attention, that we might centre ourselves within you.
Let your Spirit mould us, shape us and remake us this morning and every day until we conform to the shape that you call us to take; the shape of love known and shown in Jesus the Christ.
Speak to us this day in word and melody and quiet, that we may be renewed in our faith and strengthened for your service.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Listening God, sometimes we pray confidently, trusting in your love. Sometimes we approach you fearfully, conscious of our own failure. Sometimes we are reluctant to pray, evading your call to us. Sometimes our prayer is a snatched moment in the hassle of activity.
But always you hear us.

Here we are invited to re-ground ourselves.
Where we are called to be honest about our lives in God's company. It may be to seek forgiveness or reconciliation, to renew strength to do what is good, or to seek a greater experience of God's spirit.

A silence is kept.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God has covered us with grace; under God's hope we will find shelter.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

ANTHEM Comfort, O Lord, the soul of thy servant
William Crotch 1775-1847

**Open our faith, risen Christ,
that we might be compelled beyond naive belief,
and narrow, self-focused religion.**

Open our lives, risen Christ,
so that we might be saved from our self-preoccupation
and work with you in your work of redemption and re-creation.
So may we pray.

A time of silence to pray for others.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(printed inside cover of hymn book)*

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

HYMN 438 Go forth for God

WORDS OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Go now in peace,
for Christ has called you to live in peace
among your brothers and sisters in Christ.
Go now in courage,
for Christ has called you from the places of your life
to be agents of redemption and partners in healing.
Go now in joy and thanksgiving,
for Christ is our light!
Go now as one body,
to love and serve God as you love and serve the world! **Amen!**

You are invited to be seated for the playing of the postlude, or to leave at this point without disturbing those who wish to listen.

POSTLUDE Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten J.S. Bach 1685-1750

He who allows dear God to rule him,
and hopes in him at all times,
will be wonderfully sustained by him
in all distress and sadness.
He who trusts in God the most high
has not built on sand.

Please stand as the Bible is taken from the church.

Please stand for and face the gospel.

A reading from the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord

GOSPEL READING Luke 17: 11-19

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

HYMN 347 Thine arm, O Lord

SERMON

THE RESPONSE TO GOD IN WORD AND ACTION

HYMN 373 All who love and serve your city

During the singing of this hymn our offering will be received.

Please remain standing for the dedication prayer.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We bring our gifts in gratitude and hope.

In dedicating them, we dedicate ourselves again to being your people in the world, in the strength and enabling power of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Open our minds, risen Christ, that we might think beyond ourselves, and spare a thought for those less fortunate .

Open our hearts, risen Christ, that we might have more compassion for those who come to mind, when we think about those who suffer in the world.

Open our mouths, risen Christ, that we might join in your call for justice and speak up for those whose lives are downtrodden by poverty and affliction.

Open our hands, risen Christ, that we might find ways to serve the needs of others, having thought about those who deserve compassion.

Open our lives, risen Christ, that we might follow daily in your way, giving of ourselves in response to your call to love others.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our hearts and ears, O God, to the beauty of your word.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

In this is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66: 1-12

- 1 O be joyful in God, all ye lands
sing praises unto the honour of his Name, make his praise to be glorious.
- 2 Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works
through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies be found liars
unto thee.
- 3 For all the world shall worship thee
sing of thee, and praise thy Name.
- 4 O come hither, and behold the works of God
how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land
so that they went through the water on foot; there did we rejoice thereof.
- 6 He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the people
and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.
- 7 O praise our God, ye people
and make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holdeth our soul in life
and suffereth not our feet to slip.
- 9 For thou, O God, hast proved us
thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.
- 10 Thou broughtest us into the snare
and laidest trouble upon our loins.
- 11 Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads
we went through fire and water, and thou broughtest us out into a
wealthy place.
- 12 I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings
and will pay thee my vows, which I promised with my lips, and spake with
my mouth, when I was in trouble.

Please stand and sing the concluding Gloria.

**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. A / - / men.**

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 2: 8-15

In this is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM He that shall endure to the end Felix Mendelssohn 1809-1847