**Pilgrim Uniting Church**

**12 Flinders Street, Adelaide**

***8.00am MORNING WORSHIP***

**Pentecost 6 16th July, 2017**

**PRAYER OF AWARENESS**As we gather in this place of worship, O God, inspire us with your love, enlighten us with your wisdom, and empower us with your strength. **Amen.** *(Rex AE Hunt)*

**WELCOME and COMMUNITY NEWS**

 **CALL TO WORSHIP***: (based on Psalm 119: 105-112)*

The ways of God light up all of life and guide us into the path of true living.
**Source of Life,
with delight we gather to worship you**The ways of God instruct us in the way to life
in all its fullness of joy and hope.
**Source of Hope,
with joy we gather to celebrate your presence with us.**The ways of God reveal to us the true beauty of living in communion with God,
and to walk each day along the pathway of obedience and loyalty to our God.
**Source of Steadfast Love, we gather to learn more about life,
hope, trust and love - so that we may grow in your grace.**Let us worship God!
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**HYMN** TiS 102 **Praise to the living God**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**In the noise of ideologies and agendas, you gently whisper, O God;
In the cacophony of rhetoric and propaganda, you gently whisper, O God;
In the madness of war, the chaos of power-games;
the crying of grief, the discordance of disease,
the crowding of poverty, the empty echo of wealthy isolation,
you whisper your words of love to every broken heart,
you breathe your call of justice to every heartless tyrant.
And we who have heard the gentle rhythm of your voice,
praise you for your quiet proclamation of grace,
and thank you for your gentle presence among us;
even as we offer ourselves to be quiet voices and muted lives
proclaiming in every moment your whispers of love and justice. Amen.
*(John van de Laar)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND AFFIRMATION**

Timeless God,you cast light into sin's dark placesand call us your Beloved.Forgive us: when we still linger in the shadows; when we treat others in hurtful ways; when we speak ill of others.Forgive us: when we fail to welcome the stranger; when we refuse to forgive as we should; when we believe we are too good to kneel down and tie the shoes of the lost, the least, the last, the little.*A time of silence to reflect on these words*

**Assurance of Pardon**
O taste and see that our God is good! Through the limitless compassion of Christ, our sins are forgiven. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are energized for God’s work of justice and peace in the world. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**BIBLE READINGS**: Genesis 25: 19-34 Romans 8:1-11
 *(\* Gospel is Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 - Parable of the Sower)*

**REFLECTION**

**HYMN** TiS 420 Holy Spirit, go before us

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

This is my prayer/**this is our prayer**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**HYMN** TiS 414 There’s a spirit in the air *(offering is collected)*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

By these offerings:

**we commit ourselves to Christ,**

**to one another as brothers and sisters in faith,**

**and to God’s transforming mission in the world. Amen.**

 **HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE INVITATION**

All are invited to share in this meal

that restores our courage and renews our love.

**THE NARRATIVE OF THE LAST SUPPER**

**THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord**.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
I**t is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, and to join with the whole world in declaring the greatness of your name. In the beginning your Spirit brooded over the chaos and brought to birth all the beauty and abundance of creation. You created humankind in the image of your own faithful love and desire, entrusting the care of the earth into our hands. From our midst you brought forth Jesus the Christ - one with you, and the embodiment of your Spirit - and through him you invited all people to be baptised into your triune dance of love. When he was killed, you raised him to life and gave him all authority in heaven and on earth, and in him, through the Holy Spirit, you are with us always, even to the end of the age. We who hold all such good things in trust, in the company of each other and in company with people throughout the world and choirs of angels declare as generations before us have declared:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of truth and light,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**
Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room, breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, that they may be heaven’s food and drink for us, renewing, sustaining and making us whole, and that we may be your body on earth, loving and caring in the world. **Amen.**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Communion is shared*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

For bread and wine, this place and time,

**thanks be to God.**

For the peace we are promised which the world won’t destroy

**thanks be to God.**

For the hope of heaven on earth and the final song of joy,

**thanks be to God. Amen.**

**WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING**
*The candles are extinguished.*

As we go, may the blessing of God nourish us, the faithfulness of Jesus sustain us, and the fruit of the Holy Spirit grow in us all. **Amen.**

God’s peace be with you. **And also with you.**

*The sign of the peace is exchanged*