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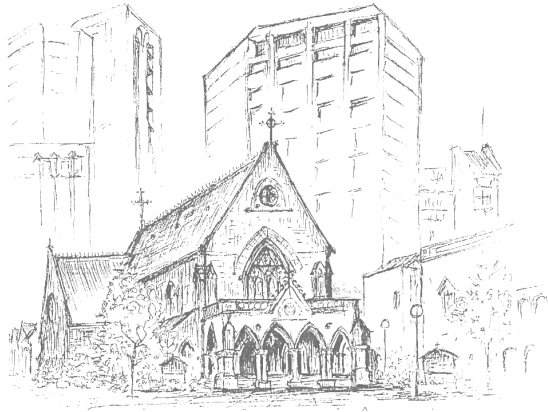


Pilgrim Uniting Church
12 Flinders Street, Adelaide
9:30 COMMUNITY WORSHIP



Sunday 2nd October 2011

To be a prophetic witness in the city



***Please join us for tea or coffee and
fellowship in the Lounge
after the service.***



SWORDS INTO PLOUGH SHEARS

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Lighting the Community Candles

Acknowledgment of Land

Words of Gathering

We come seeking;
perhaps something we can but dimly grasp,
mysterious, wider,
more profound than what we are or have.
Comfort in sorrow,
friendship in loneliness,
beauty for a world torn by conflict
and seeking mercy and justice,
truth for a new generation.

In the singing, in the silence, in the Word,
may we be inspired with fresh vision.
Vision born out of the waiting, the seeking, the hoping,
waiting like the prophets of old.
Waiting in solitary places, in the desert, in the rough
moments,
yet in community and with those who join us on the way.

Song TiS 187 *Let all creation dance*

B A Wren based on Psalm 148

1
Let all creation dance
in energies sublime,
as order turns with chance,
unfolding space and time,
for nature's art
in glory grows,
and newly shows
God's mind and heart.

3

For sake of life a righteous wrath needs power.
For sake of life let streams of justice roll.
For sake of life the springs of joy will mother
the new born child of hope- for sake of life.

4

For sake of life, the way of Christ is dawning.
For sake of life, we'll share a prophet's role.
For sake of life we'll speak of love's new morning
and live the truth we own, for sake of life.

Commission and Blessing

Be bold and humble in claiming Good News for all creation.
Be brave in pointing to the renewing Spirit in every place.
Be firm in witnessing to the Servant One
and carry grace and love into the places of worldly power.
May the songs of the Creator,
sound with love in all the earth.

The tenderness of Christ Jesus,
inspire us and make us whole.
And may the truth from the Holy Spirit,
be born free in every age.
Amen

As we go to morning tea in the Pilgrim Centre we pass the peace.

Carol Young, Joy Germein and Dean Eland prepared this service.
Norm Inglis played the organ and piano and was assisted by other
instrumentalists. Graeme McIntosh led the singing.

Prayers adapted from Dorothy Mc Rae-McMahon
Prayers for Life's Particular Moments. 2001.
New words for verse SfPG 23 by Helen Wiltshire.

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When the world seems bleak,
when we walk with sadness written on our soul,
when we have days when everything goes wrong...we ask
Spirit of God, fill us with the energy of your love.

When anxiety and concern take over our spirit,
when restlessness or boredom holds sway over us
when our world cries out in distress and turmoil...we ask
Spirit of God, fill us with the energy of your love.

As we walk on the edges of life and death,
as we struggle with the disciplines of spiritual growth
As we yearn to be faithful amid the many changes in us and
the world ...we ask
**Spirit of God, fill us with the energy of your love.
Lend an ear to the rising cry for help
from oppressed and hopeless people.
Come! Hasten your salvation, healing love!**

**We pray for pow'r,
the pow'r that will sustain your people's witness:
until your Kingdom come,
Kyrie eleison!**

THE SENDING OUT

Send out Song. (SfPG 23) For the sake of life
Words and Music Per Harling. Fourth verse words Helen Wiltshire.

1
For sake of life the face of truth will brighten.
For sake of life the seeds of hope will root.
For sake of life the way of peace will lighten
for those who dare to walk- for sake of life.

2
For sake of life the fields are being seeded.
For sake of life there's still growth in the earth.
For sake of life we'll share with all that need it
the bread from common soil-for the sake of life.

2
God's breath each force unfurls,
igniting from a spark
expanding starry swirls,
with whirlpools dense and dark.
Though moon and sun
seem mindless things,
each orbit sings:
'Your will be done.'

3
Our own amazing earth,
with sunlight, cloud and storms
and life's abundant growth
in lovely shapes and forms,
is made for praise,
a fragile whole,
and from its soul
heavens music plays.

4
Lift heart and soul and voice
in Christ all praises meet
and nature shall rejoice
as all is made complete.
In hope be strong,
all life befriend
and kindly tend
creation's song.

Welcome

Prayer of the Day

You are always with us God of every day,
yet we pray that we will find you here
in the mystery of this day, this hour.
**Come to us loving One,
come to us Jesus Christ;
come Holy Spirit,
for we long to know more of your purpose.**

Compassionate God you spoke through the prophets:
Servant of all you walked with the first disciples:
Inspiring Spirit you are with us as companion and guide:
**we wait to discover your prompting here
as we meet in your name.**

Confession and Assurance

We know O God that you have called us to witness and service
and yet we wonder, in the frantic business of our lives, whether
we have even stopped to wait and listen for your word to us.

God is forgiveness. (Taize SfP 14)
Dare to forgive and God will be with you.
God is forgiveness.
Love and do not fear.

As tenants in your household, we ask ourselves,
are we really the servant people you call us to be.

God is forgiveness.
Dare to forgive and God will be with you.
God is forgiveness.
Love and do not fear.

Here in this community we wonder if we have made this
a safe nurturing place, a place for cherishing the little and
the least, the people whom you so love.

God is forgiveness.
Dare to forgive and God will be with you.
God is forgiveness.
Love and do not fear.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Early Word

Reading Matthew 21:33-46

For the Word of God in scripture
For the Word of God among us
For the Word of God within us
Thanks be to God

Song SfP 19 *Hear Our Cry Before We Call*

Witness

Offering Song TiS 751 J. Strathdee. Micah 6:8.
(As we sing this song come forward with your offering
form a circle and bring your order of service with you).

**What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?
Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.**
To seek justice and love kindness
and walk humbly with your God

Dedication

In a time of silence we dedicate our money
along with our talent and skills,
remembering that each of us is gifted by the Spirit,
and there is no gift without its corresponding service.

Prayers for Ourselves and the World

Introductory and concluding song.
For the troubles and the sufferings.
Words and Music. Rodolfo Gaede Neto. Brazil.

**For the troubles and the sufferings of the world,
God, we call upon your mercy:
the whole creation's laboring in pain!**

**We pray for peace,
the blessed peace that comes from making justice,
to cover and embrace us.
Have mercy Lord!**

When we come face to face with the challenge of self giving.
When we are asked to go the extra mile,
to take the risk of reaching out,
to offer forgiveness to the heart that rejects us, we ask
Spirit of God, fill us with the energy of your love.