

Pilgrim Uniting Church



12 Flinders Street, Adelaide
MID WEEK WORSHIP

COCU 49A/Pentecost +8A



WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Candles are extinguished

In every detail of this day....

Let me be fully alive

To the words I speak, and those I hear, and to the eloquence of the silence where no words are spoken.

Let me be fully alive

To the work I do, how I prepare it, pursue it, share it and complete it.

Let me be fully alive

To the people I see this day – friend, or stranger, easy or difficult

Let me be fully alive

Let us see this day as a gift from God. Let us take it, enjoy it, make it our own and share it with others. Give us strength to survive. Give us grace to be generous. Give us courage to stand tall for all that is good and fair. **Amen.**

Go into this day blessed and refreshed by
the grace and mercy of God,
the healing love of Jesus Christ
the sure and certain presence of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

The sign of the peace is exchanged *Service led by Rev Sandy Boyce (Deacon).*

Welcome to this time of worship, of gentle reflection, and caring community.

WELCOME and GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of God's Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

OPENING WORDS

In this moment, we gather our random thoughts, our scattered lives, and bring the entirety of ourselves to this place of calm, this place of sanctuary. We seek God's presence in this place. *Silence*
In God, holy transcendent and lovingly imminent we are gathered. In God, holy mystery and lovingly manifest we come to worship.
Here, we can come together, people searching for healing and hope.
Here, we are met by the One who would bless us with abundant life.
Here, we discover the truth that God makes no distinctions among us.
Here, we are welcomed and embraced by the One whose arms are open to all. **Thanks be to God!**

CONTEMPORARY PSALM OF PRAISE

Is there anything more important than knowing we have touched the very depths of joy? When we come alive to the beauty of all creation; When we feel a strength we had not known before. When we become conscious of an expansive presence around us. And we want to sing, and give thanks to God.
We think of the risks and dangers of the past/ but we survived them.
We went through some dark and difficult times/ but we are stronger.
We did not know what the future would bring or what direction to take/ but we found a way.
We thought we were up against the impossible/ but we discovered the possible.

We have drawn on the source of all strength and hope, and that strength and hope have brought us to this moment. We give thanks to God. If we knew how to make an adequate response, we would praise God from now and until our life's end.

Macnab, F. A Fine Wind is Blowing: Psalms of the Bible

THE PRAYERS OF WHO WE ARE

Where can we go from God's Spirit? Where can we flee from God's presence? There is no place we can be rejected, no place we can be forgotten from the love of Christ.

We belong to God, and in God we find strength to continue on the journey of faith. We are forgiven, renewed and restored. Amen.

READINGS AND REFLECTION

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

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

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours. Now and forever. Amen.

EUCCHARIST

The invitation

The narrative of the last supper

God be with you! /**And also with you!**

It is not crumbs, but the fullness of grace given to you at this table.

We open our hearts to receive God's goodness.

Like precious oil to anoint us,

God pours hope and love into our lives.

How good it is to lift our praises to our God!

We give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you are faithful to the covenant you have made with a thousand generations. You are the Ground of Being, the source of every living thing, and in all things you work for good for your chosen ones. Your servant Jacob laboured seven years for the love of Rachel; and for love of us, your child Jesus has laboured all the way to death. Jesus came among us, sowing your Word, and from that tiny seed your kingdom has grown, a pearl of great price, a treasure for which we would give everything, a home of welcome and grace for all people. Though rulers and powers turned against him and he was killed, you raised him to new life. Now there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love given us in Christ. Therefore, with our hearts lifted high, we offer you thanks and praise at all times through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the life and love of Christ. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD *Communion is shared*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give thanks to you, God. We see you in our lives and in the lives of others - and know that you are good. You call us, know us, guide us. No matter what happens in our lives, you have never, nor will you ever, abandon us. Be with us as we seek to understand and embody your goodness in the world. **Amen**