**Pilgrim Uniting Church**

**12 Flinders Street, Adelaide**

***8.00am MORNING WORSHIP***

**Pentecost 16 28th September, 2014**

**WELCOME and GREETING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Here, in this place, we set apart time for worship,
and to encourage each other in Christ.
It is God who is at work in us,
enabling us both to will and to work for God’s good pleasure.
**God, source of life,**
**Jesus, firstborn of creation,**
**Spirit, living breath in all that is:**
**we come to be thankful for life in all its fullness.**
Let us worship God.

**HYMN** "**Sing for God’s Glory**” *(Tune: ‘Lobe den Herren’,111 TiS)*

1.Sing for God’s glory that colours the dawn of creation,
 racing across the sky, trailing bright clouds of elation;
 sun of delight succeeds the velvet of night,
 warming the earth’s exultation.

 2. Sing for God’s power that shatters the chains that would hold us,
 searing the bleakness of fear and despair that would

 mould us,
 touching our shame/ with love that will not lay blame,
 reaching out gently to find us.

 3. Sing for God’s justice disturbing each easy illusion,
 tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to confusion;
 lifeblood of right/ resisting evil and slight,
 offering freedom’s transfusion.

 4. Sing for God’s saints who have travelled faith’s journey before us,
 who in our weariness give us their hope to restore us;
 in them we see/ the new creation to be,
 spirit of love made flesh for us. *(K Galloway. Adapt.)*

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**
Our life together as followers of Christ overflows with reasons to be thankful: our fellowship, the challenges and joys we share, losing ourselves together in service to others. Underneath everything is the astonishing and simple truth: God does not abandon us.

**There is nothing we can do that puts us beyond God’s love. Our joy can be complete, when we are of one mind, having the same love and being in the same spirit.**

**We give thanks for the presence of God, enabling us to be God’s love in the world and for the possibility of unity in every moment. Amen.**

**READINGS from the Hebrew Scriptures:**

 **Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16**

 **Exodus 17: 1-7**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

As pilgrims on a journey, we confess to not travelling as hopefully as we could, given your grace and presence, Loving God. Within this fellowship, there is the hope of new life and fresh ideas, company on our journey and grace to travel hopefully; outside of this fellowship, hope abounds in the love others share with each other and with those in need. Give us eyes to see hope wherever it is found, like a tiny flower growing amidst the stones; like water in the desert, God gives us grace to travel hopefully.
*A silence is kept.*

**WORD OF ASSURANCE**

Friends, drink deeply from the well of grace and know the mercy of God at work within us. Our burdens are able to be lifted and our hope is able to be restored. We can know ourselves to be beloved, and blessed.
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF OPENNESS**

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

**READINGS from the Christian Scriptures**:

 Philippians 2: 1-13
 Matthew 21: 23-32

**REFLECTION**

**HYMN TiS 691** Faith will not grow from words alone

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**HYMN TiS 259** Among us and before us, Lord

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

In these gifts we put aside our own self-interest in favour of compassion and sympathy, consolation and sharing. Bless these gifts, God, and us with them that together we might be your love for the world. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION**

**THE INVITATION**

This is the joyful feast of the people of God.

All are welcome here.

**THE NARRATIVE OF THE LAST SUPPER**

**Blessed is Jesus, Wisdom embodied,**

**who feasted with sinners, disciples and friends**

**and now shares this meal in our midst.**

**On the night before Jesus died, on the evening of betrayal…**

**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 God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is always right in all times and all places to give thanks to God,

Holy Wisdom and Eternal Love. You rescued your people from slavery,

and though their faith dried up in the desert, you split the rocks and quenched their thirst with waters welling up from ancient depths.

Jesus revealed the depth and breadth of your love for us.

Though one with you, he was born as one of us and humbled himself,

passing through the ancient waters of baptism and following the ways of righteousness even to the point of death on a cross. Now you embrace all who in action confess him as Lord, baptising them in his name into the life of your Kingdom.
Therefore with the angelic hosts and generations of faithful people, we join the unending hymn of praise….*©2002 Nathan NettletonLaughingBird.net*

**Holy, holy, holy God,**

**wisdom, strength and hope,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory;**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One**

**who comes in the name of our God.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

*Send your Holy Spirit, O God, that these gifts in creation may also be for us the gift of re-creation in Christ. Shape us into one body: press us into one wine, shape us into one bread - the Bread of Life and Cup of Compassion - for the feeding of all your children and the nurture of creation.* ***Amen.***

*Communion is shared*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**God with us on pilgrimage, you have led us to the Living Water.**

**Refresh and sustain us as we go forward on the way.**

**Amen.**

**WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING**
*(candles are extinguished)*
Go now to will and to work for God’s purposes.
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.
Be filled with the same love and look to the interests of others.
With reverence for God, work out your salvation.
And may God quench your thirst with love and consolation;
May Christ Jesus strengthen you and encourage you;
And may the Holy Spirit lead you on and make your joy complete.

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

*The sign of the peace is exchanged.*

*Please join us for a continental breakfast in the Lounge immediately following this service.*