

for he revealed through his life, that true power is based on empowering others, and that glory is made visible through loving and serving others. We marvel anew at the depth of your care for us and the many ways our lives have been blessed by the sacrificial life and love of Jesus. So, we lift our voices, filled with joy, joining them with the glad songs of every place and generation, all creation praising your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power 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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on your people and the gifts of the bread and the cup. May the broken bread give us the strength to go out to serve your people, and the cup of grace nourish us to be able to go into the world to stand with the forgotten, to bring healing to the broken, to lift up those knocked down by hate. And when we are united with those of every place and from every time, we will join our sisters and brothers around your table of holiness and grace, shouting our joy to your through eternity.

Amen.

(Thom Shuman)

The communion is shared.

Prayer after communion

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life and the cup of compassion. May this strengthen us in love and help us to serve you as we serve each other. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

Words of mission and benediction *Candles are extinguished*

We move into the day ahead. God goes with us as we leave. We are those who carry the light of Christ into the world, bearers of love, faith and hope. Go with the strength you have. Go simply, lightly, gently, and may the Spirit go with you. Amen.

You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.

Pilgrim Uniting Church **12 Flinders Street, Adelaide** **MID WEEK WORSHIP**

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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 fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you**

Call to worship *(based on Psalm 104)*

Hear the words and images our ancestors used to describe God.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God,

I stand in awe at your greatness.

Your being is clothed with honour and majesty and robed in light.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent,

making the winds your messengers, and fire and flame your servants.

How great are your works, O God!

In your wisdom you created the earth and all that is within it.

What words and images might we use to describe God revealed to us in and through the world around us? A silence is kept

In mystery and grandeur we see the face of God.

In earthiness and the ordinary we know the love of Christ.

In heights and depths and life and death:

the Spirit of God is moving among us.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

The prayers of who we are

Let us allow ourselves to be embraced by the relentless mercy of God, as we seek forgiveness and renewal. Help us to disentangle the good from the bad. For the wisdom to know when our good deeds stem from love, and when from a disguised seeking of honour. For the wisdom to know when those things we might name as weaknesses are really our strengths, and when some of our supposed virtues might really be our weaknesses.

A silence is kept.

Loving God, you search us and know us! You offer love and wisdom far exceeding our deserving. Renew us in our hearts and minds. Make us your own. Through Christ Jesus we pray, **Amen.**

Prayer for illumination

God, who sets us on a journey to discover, dream and grow,

Stir our spirit, stretch our minds, grant us vision.

Exploration brings new insights, changes, choices we must face;

Grant us wisdom in choices, grant us courage for the journey. Amen.

Readings/reflection

Job 38:1-7 (34-41): A voice from the whirlwind (tornado) answers Job and the friends with a series of questions about their ability either to create or provide for the universe, the earth, and its inhabitants.

Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 35c: A hymn praising God's work in creation.

Hebrews 5:1-10: Jesus exercised his high priesthood, established directly by God, as was Melchizedek's, through supplications, prayers, sufferings, and obedience.

Mark 10:35-45: The boldest misconstrual yet of leadership and position in the kingdom of God by disciples of Jesus. Leadership is service, not honour; and position is gained through suffering, faithfulness and God's initiative, not self-promotion or favouritism.

Prayers for others

We share a common earth. We share the common joy of living, of the grieving and of the pain. We offer our prayers for the world.

Prayers are shared, each ending with:

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

We see the hope that lies among us, that we could care and live in community with each other and the world. Give life to this hope in us, God of community. We pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

The 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.

Communion

Invitation

Narration

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Great and awesome God, creator and source of all life, we worship and praise you. Out of chaos and darkness you spoke the words that brought order and light and life. We marvel at such evidence of your greatness and glory. Yet, you laid these aside when you took on human flesh in Jesus Christ. In him we gained a new understanding of your power and glory,