



Pilgrim
Uniting Church

11.00am Choral Worship

Sunday, 17th February 2019

Epiphany 6
COCU14C

*The church is fitted with a hearing loop which covers the body of the church.
Hearing aid wearers are advised to switch their aid to T-setting.*

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE

The people stand for the entrance of the Bible

CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator of the universe, Holy Triune God,
From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.
Your way brings life, O Lord

Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.

You are a rich stream of living waters, and we would immerse ourselves in you;

Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.

Who is like our God, the One whose ways are full of life?

Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.

This is our God, the Holy One. Let us worship God.

(source: Oratio Contemplativa)

HYMN 152 Now is eternal life

GREETING AND WELCOME

*Those who wish to do so may share a sign of peace with those immediately
around them using words such as 'God's Peace be with you / **and also with you**'.
Please respect those who wish to use the time for quiet contemplation.*

The children are invited forward for the Baptism.

BAPTISM OF WILLIAM PETER FLOOD *(see insert)* led by Rev Ian Giles

*After the presentation of the Children's Bible and Certificate to the family,
the children will leave for the children's program activities.*



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PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

God of the Universe, God of our lives,
you know us better than we know ourselves.

You see beyond the façade we present to the world

- and you love us to the core.

Today, may we know that we are welcomed with the open arms of love.

Forgive us when we fail to live into the wonderful potential that you lay
before us, for the times when we begrudge others their joy and blessing,

for the times we fail to notice - or ignore -

those who suffer and whose suffering we might begin to address.

Forgive us when our vision is narrow and our hope is restricted

- especially when your imagination knows no bounds

and your capacity to love is beyond measure. *A silence is kept*

Lord, forgive us and, as your beloved, renew us

to live into the freedom you set before us.

Enable us to make a difference by sharing your love and blessing in all
that we do.

God, present here, transform the worship that we bring

so that it reflects your glory and majesty, transforming our everyday lives,

here in this place and in the places you lead us.

Presiding Minister
Scripture Reader
Organist & Choir Director
Assistant Organist

Rev Sandy Boyce
Maureen Avery
Peter Kelsall
Christopher Bridge

The Choir of Pilgrim Church
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*Please join us in the Lounge at the rear of the church for light
refreshments and the 11am Community Meeting.*

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

ANTHEM Blest are the pure in heart H.Walford Davies 1869-1941

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God be in our hearts and in our understanding as we listen now for your
Word of peace, joy, hope and love. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Jeremiah 17: 5-10

In this is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

- 1 Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly,
nor stood in the way of sinners and hath not sat in the seat of the
scornful.
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord
and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.
- 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side
that will bring forth his fruit in due season.
- 4 His leaf also shall not wither and look, whatsoever he doeth,
it shall prosper.
- 5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them but they are like the chaff,
which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

SERMON

THE RESPONSE TO GOD IN WORD AND ACTION

HYMN 348 We cannot measure how you heal

*During the singing of this hymn our offering will be received.
Remain standing for the dedication prayer.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

For all your gifts we are truly thankful, Loving God.
We pray that our gifts will be used to shape a world where everyone has
all that they need, and all can be truly thankful. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(printed inside cover of hymn book)*

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

HYMN 368 All my hope on God is founded

*A baptismal candle is lit from the Christ candle and presented to William's
parents:*

William, you belong to Christ, the light of the world. Walk always as a
child of the light.

BENEDICTION

We too are invited to walk always as a child of the light.
And as we go, may the God of love who shared love
strengthen us in our love for others.
May the Son who shared his life
grant us grace that we might share our life.
And may the Holy Spirit indwelling in us
empower us to be only and always for others. Amen.

*You are invited to be seated for the playing of the postlude,
or to leave at this point without disturbing those who wish to listen.*

POSTLUDE Christ ist erstanden J.S.Bach 1685-1750
(Christ is risen)

Please stand as the Bible is taken from the church.

- 6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement
neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- 7 But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous
and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Please stand for the concluding Gloria

**Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son:
and / to the / Holy / Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now and / ever /shall be
world without / end. A / - / men.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20

In this is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM This joyful Eastertide Dutch trad.
arr. Philip Ledger 1937-2012

Please remain standing and face the gospel.

A reading from the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord.

GOSEL READING Luke 6: 17 - 26

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN

Blessed are the poor in spirit; all God's realm is surely theirs.
Those in mourning will find comfort as an answer to their prayers.
Meek ones whom this world despises will inherit everything.
God, your kingdom still surprises; may we seek the reign you bring.

Blessed, too, are those who hunger and who thirst for what is right.
They will not be prone to wander, for your will is their delight.
Those who show God's care and mercy will receive that mercy too.
God, in Christ you show us clearly of the joy we have in you.

Those who share the peace God gives them will find blessings as God's
own.

Those oppressed for faithful living will call heaven's kingdom Home.
When the world's ways seem distressing and we feel life's painful sting,
God, remind us of the blessings of the wondrous life you bring.

(Source: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette; tune: Nettleton CP 406)