

Where is the one who is wise?
Let it be us, but wise with your wisdom;
not as the world demands;
not intent on getting ahead,
but committed to bringing others along.
**We see your way, a better way,
and we pray for the will and the wisdom
to follow, rejoicing. Amen.**

SONG: SfPG4 57 Lord of our days

WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING *
Now may the One who is faithful to all
be with us all as we depart this blessed place.
May we be a blessing to every place we go,
until we gather again. **Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WE SHARE THE SIGN OF PEACE

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and to Helen Smith who led our singing.
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who contributed to the leading of this service.*

*Please join us for refreshments in the Hall and a '9.30 Community Meeting'
after the conclusion of the service.*



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Pilgrim
Uniting Church

9.30am
Community Worship

Sunday, 17th February 2019

Epiphany 6
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Beatitudes



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LIGHTING OUR COMMUNITY CANDLES

CALL TO COMMUNITY *

We gather to respond to the call of God's love
thankful that someone cared enough to share this good news with us.
May we be compassionate enough to share this divine presence with others.
Love, when shared, is not divided but multiplied.
Love, given away, is not diminished but expanded.
**May our gathering beckon and welcome
those near and far to know the love of this divine presence.**

From deep within us we know of a loving presence.
All around us we see glory, beauty, life and light.
We have no words for what we experience so we cry out, "God!".

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In this moment of worship may that loving presence grow deeper,
may our awareness of the divine presence around us grow more intense.
May we, gathered in this place, learn to pay more attention to God,
who loves us at all times and in all places.

**God, of love and life, in this moment of prayer
be more and more in us that we might live more and more in you. Amen.**

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND

SONG: HaND 34 Trusting

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| 1 Step now beyond the known
with hopeful heart and mind,
trusting a way uncharted,
a deeper life to find.
Move now beyond the clamour
of answers held as truth,
to trust the joy of children
and share the dreams of youth. | 2 Dance now into the wonder
of sacredness and space;
trusting the present moment,
its sacrament and grace.
Dwell now within the solace
of music's symphony,
and trust its vibrant beauty,
a gift of ecstasy. |
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- 3 Live now within the nurture
of love's community,
trusting a gentle wisdom
to offer clarity.
Breathe now the costly fragrance
of justice, flowing free,
and trust the Spirit's blessing,
a gift of harmony.

PRAYERS OF WHO WE ARE *

Holy One, what a blessing and privilege we share
here in this sacred space and among this loving community.
But sometimes we are jealous of what we share here.
We know that others are longing and thirsting
for what we know and experience.
Forgive us our reluctance to open our doors,
open our hearts to others; some like us, some not.
We acknowledge our hesitations and unwillingness
to witness to those we have considered strangers and even enemies
for fear they just might become friends. **Amen.**

Silence for personal reflection

The one who calls us to this place
calls us to reconciliation through grace.
God will not deny a repentant heart or an open spirit.
Know that you are forgiven and walk in the new way
that is made known to you in God's love. **Amen.**

SHARING THE MEAL:

Christ is the bread of justice,
who gave his life for all.

Christ is the cup of suffering,
who walked the path of servanthood.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

Communion is shared

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

As we leave this table,
may the life, teaching and witness of Jesus
call us again to be a prophetic witness in this city.
May the Spirit companion inspire and motivate all that we do,
so that our worship, teaching, creativity and justice
will be evident in our living and loving. **Amen.**

SONG: SfPG4 39 Jesus Christ, our living Lord

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND OURSELVES

Give us the will and the courage
to intercede on behalf of others,
putting ourselves in service to those who mourn,
to the meek, to those who seek peace and to the merciful.
Give us strength to be strong for others.
This is our prayer.

Give us the wisdom
to intercede on behalf of others,
putting ourselves in service
to those who have been slandered,
exploited, humiliated and despised.
Give us wisdom to wisely counsel and advocate for others.
This is our prayer.

Give us the humility
to intercede on behalf of others,
putting ourselves in service
to those who are put down,
ignored, overlooked and denied their dignity.
**Give us humility to recognise our common humanity
and the grace that binds us, one to another.**
This is our prayer.

