

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**  
COCU14C

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

In Jesus of Nazareth,  
in compassion for the outcast,  
forgiveness for the fallen,  
hope for the poor and hungry;  
in his life poured out for others  
and broken in rejection and disdain,  
**you have made yourself known.**

Therefore we join our praises  
with countless women and men before us,  
disciples and apostles, saints and martyrs,  
acclaiming your power in goodness  
and might in compassion,  
as we proclaim:

**Praise for this world, made and good;  
Israel's story, prophet stirred.  
Praise for Jesus' touch and word,  
Spirit, water and the blood.  
Come down, Spirit on bread and wine;  
Feed Christ's church for servant-hood,  
Son and Spirit, hands of God, Triune God, eternal one.**

We greet the One who comes in your name,  
your true light, your true love,  
the bread of compassion,  
the wine of renewal.

As he broke bread before the brokenness of his death,  
as he poured out wine before his life was poured out for others,  
as he gave his life in acts of goodness,  
as he invited all to the feast of new hope,  
so come to us, God of Jesus, in your love.

**Come to us, Spirit of our Lord of love,  
and let the bread and wine before us  
bear your life to our life,  
nourish us with a vision of hope,  
and unite us in one body of peace.**

Nourish us with your brokenness,  
renew us with your poured out life,  
empower us with your powerlessness,  
that we may join in your risen life  
and bear fruit in your world.

**You are our life;  
You are our hope;  
You are our peace;  
And we praise you.**

READINGS FROM OUR TRADITION Jeremiah 17: 5-10  
Luke 6: 17- 26

WITNESS

SONG: SFP 45 Will you come and follow me  
*Our offerings will be collected during this song*

OFFERING PRAYER \*  
**May these gifts, given to these ministries of grace,  
be a blessing to friends and strangers,  
those like us and those not,  
those deserving and those not,  
for in this way the love of God reaches all of God's beloved. Amen.**

COMMUNION

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE:**  
Jesus invited all to the feast of peace.  
Jesus risked everything in compassion.  
Jesus promised to make himself known in the breaking of the bread.

**RECALLING THE WORDS OF JESUS:**  
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took a loaf of bread,  
and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,  
**This is my body for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**  
In the same way he also took the cup after the meal, saying,  
this cup is the new covenant in my blood.  
**Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.**

**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 the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God, you are before creation and beyond our imagining;  
but at the heart of creation and among all peoples  
you have made yourself known.  
In Israel's ancient codes and prophetic oracles,  
in stories of women and men,  
of communities and nations seeking identity,  
feeling their strength, and struggling with their weakness,  
**you have made yourself known.**