



Pilgrim
Uniting Church

8.00am
Morning Eucharist

Sunday, 24th February 2019

Epiphany 7
COCU15C



WELCOME and GREETING

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

CALL TO WORSHIP

On this day, we gather with thanksgiving in our hearts.

For God's love is ever constant in our lives.

On this day, we would talk of all that is ours.

Grace upon grace has been poured into our lives.

On this day, we would speak of what we believe.

We will sing glad songs for all that God has done.

HYMN: TiS 110

Sing praise to God



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PRAYER OF PRAISE and THANKSGIVING

Inspirational God, we gather this day to praise your holy name, and to give thanks for your trustworthy guidance throughout our life; and for the way you reveal your wisdom and justice to us.

We give thanks for our spiritual ancestors who have given witness to your life and love.

Together as one people, we offer our prayers of thanks that you are a God who is always willing to be involved with us, and who offers us daily blessings.

We celebrate that we are connected to you with bonds of love and trust, and we open ourselves to grow in wisdom and deepen our knowledge of you. **Amen.**

PSALM FOR THE DAY Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess to you, Lord, what we are: we are not the people we like others to think we are; we are afraid to admit even to ourselves what lies in the depths of our souls.

But we do not want to hide our true selves from you. We believe that you know us as we are, and yet you still love us.

Give us the courage to hear what you long to tell us, and the courage to see ourselves as you see us. With humility we ask: pick us up, set us right, restore us to relationship with each other based on love and generosity, that we may share the abundance of creation, and find life abundant for ourselves.

A time of silence is kept

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

'The works of God's hands are faithful and just; all God's precepts are trustworthy'.
The freedom offered in Christ is ours today! Thanks be to God.

BIBLE READINGS: 1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50
 Luke 6: 27-38

HYMN: TiS 375 Come. Let us with our Lord arise

REFLECTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Now is our time fulfilled, God of all blessing, as we gather at this Table, the bread and the cup made sacred by the presence of your Spirit. We eat of the bread, praying that its grace might strengthen us so we would become as persistent as you in confronting injustices, challenging oppressive actions, reaching out to lift the fallen. We drink from the cup, trusting that its hope will spill out to the lonely and the lost, the hungry and the homeless, and especially the outsiders. **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The bread of life,
the life of Christ.
The cup of salvation,
God's love poured out for the world.
The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion is shared

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you for refreshing us at this table, Loving God. Here in these simple elements, we have received all grace and all glory.
We have been met by love, renewed with wisdom, and restored to hope. Thanks be to God. Amen

WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

The Creativity of God is never confined to this sacred place. We move into the week ahead, enjoying and sharing the hospitality of God. Go forward into this day and all the days ahead replenished by the grace and mercy of God, blessed by the healing love of Jesus, energised by the limitless power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The sign of the peace is exchanged.

Everyone is invited to stay for a light continental breakfast following this service.

THE NARRATIVE OF THE LAST SUPPER

We remember that Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread and gave thanks to God. He broke it and gave it to his friends, saying:
"Take eat, this is my body, my living presence, given for you. Do this to remember me."

He also took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God and gave it to his friends, saying:
"Drink this all of you; for this is my very life, poured out for you. Do this to remember me."

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us open our hearts.

We open our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you are our rock of safety, our stronghold, the ground of our being.

You created the earth and its inhabitants, and called them to put their trust in you.

Through your prophets you revealed your willingness to show mercy to those who turn from evil, humbling themselves and following your ways.

When the time was fulfilled, your kingdom drew near to us in your child, Jesus of Nazareth.

He came among us proclaiming the good news and calling everyone to repent and follow you.

He was killed by those who trust in wealth and power, but you raised him to life and turned our mourning into joy.

Even now as this world passes away, you call us to cast your nets wide so that all might be drawn in to the haven of your strength and love.

And 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 are you, God of steadfast love.

All creation waits in trust for you.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who brings the kingdom near.

Hosanna in the highest!

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of mercy and healing,
you who hear the cries of those in need,
receive these petitions of your people
that all who are troubled
may know peace, comfort, and courage.

With confidence in the love and grace of God
we offer our prayers for others ... and for ourselves:

This is my prayer/ This is our Prayer

Prayers of the People, concluding with:

**Life-giving God, heal our lives,
that we may acknowledge your wonderful deeds
and offer you thanks from generation to generation
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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 for ever. Amen**

HYMN: TIS 648

Help us accept each other

During the singing of this hymn we will receive our offering for the work of the church in the world.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let our gratitude for life be expressed in our generosity.

Let our faith be expressed in good causes.

Let our belief in the future find full expression
in our daily attitude of mind. **Amen**

HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

At this table, all are welcome and all are fed.

At this table, all share in the cup that refreshes, no one is denied.

By the power of God's Holy Spirit,
these gifts shall be for us the body and life of Christ.