



Pilgrim
Uniting Church

8.00am Morning Eucharist

Sunday, 7th April 2019

Lent 5
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WELCOME and GREETING

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come from all walks of life.

Our God is with us yesterday, today, and forever.

We have different pasts, and we have walked different paths.

Love is with us yesterday, today, and forever.

We have gathered in this place, seeking forgiveness and new hope

Hope is with us yesterday, today, and forever.

We journey forward knowing we are not alone.

Spirit is with us yesterday, today, and forever.

Journey together, brothers and sisters, with Christ. **Amen.**



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HYMN TIS 696 A prophet-woman broke a jar

PSALM FOR THE DAY: Psalm 126

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 43: 16-21

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving God,
you prepare a new way in the wilderness
and your grace waters the desert.
Help us to recognize your presence
in the everyday wonders of living.
Open our hearts to be transformed
by the new thing you are doing,
so that our lives may proclaim
the extravagance of your love for all. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wilderness and water,
your Son was baptized and tempted as we are.
Guide us through this season,
that we may not avoid struggle,
but open ourselves to blessing.
**Help us to set aside the former things
and forget the things of old,
for you wait to do a new thing
in and through us.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.
Rejoice and be glad,
new life is ours.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of grace, open our spirits to hear your call;
open our hearts to receive your love;
open our mouths to speak your word.
**May we trust your wisdom and seek your guidance
as we hear your words of truth.
Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS: Philippians 3: 4b-14
John 12: 1-8

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Let this food and drink be transformative,
renewing and refreshing us lest we lose heart
as we engage in the ministry of Christ's love to the world. **Amen.**

Communion is shared

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the refreshment of this time and place
be like water in the desert,
a drink of restoration along our dusty path,
so that we may press on,
always looking for the new things God is doing
within and around and through us.
**We arise from the table of Christ
made ready to go out from here
to love and to serve. Amen.**

HYMN TIS 780

May light come into your eyes

WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go now, and press on in the path to which God has called you.
Do not get caught up in the things of the past,
or in the things that the world prizes,
but welcome the new things God is doing,
and take the new paths that open to you.

And may God pour life-giving waters into your wilderness;
May Christ Jesus make you his own;
And may the Holy Spirit strengthen you
for the journey, ever onward. **Amen.**

And may the peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Candles are extinguished

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 the words from our tradition:

On the night that Jesus was betrayed,
while sharing a meal with his friends he took bread,
after giving thanks he broke it and gave it to them saying:

Take, eat, this is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup

and again giving thanks he gave it to his friends, saying:

**This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you
and for all people for the remission of sins.**

Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Open up your hearts.

We open them to God.

Let us give thanks and praise.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you all thanks and praise, O God,
for there is nothing else in life that can compare
with the surpassing value of knowing you.

The newborn earth sprang forth at your touch
and life burst free as you lavished your love upon it.
You formed a people to declare your glory
and led them to freedom on a road through the sea.

Your child, Jesus Christ, honoured our outpoured devotion,
but was betrayed and killed by those
who profit from corruption.

You raised new life in him,
and called us to leave the past
and look to the new wonders you are doing:
opening pathways through inhospitable places
and pouring forth springs where all was dry and lifeless,
so that we, and all who have laboured in sorrow,
may yet rejoice and be of good courage.

And so, with all the company of heaven and earth
we rejoice before you and praise your holy name, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might
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.**

REFLECTION

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

Sisters and brothers,
as Jesus, in the days before his passion,
offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears,
let us pray for those who suffer, those who are in need,
and those who seek reconciliation.

Prayers of the People:

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

God of compassion,
keep us aware of your presence and give us your wisdom
to attend to the needs of this hour
with the extravagance of those
who pour out their hearts in love. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name.**

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done on earth as it is 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.

HYMN TiS 259 Among us and before us

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May our gifts be our pledge
to forget what lies behind
and to press on toward the goal
of the renewal and reconciliation
of the whole creation. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

At this table all are welcome.

All share in the bread and the cup.

**By the power of God's Holy Spirit,
these gifts shall be for us the living presence of Christ.**