

POSTLUDE Finale (Rondo Allegro) C.F.Ruppe 1753-1826

Please stand as the Bible is taken from the church.

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The Choir of Pilgrim Uniting Church
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*Please join us for tea or coffee and fellowship in the Lounge
after the service.*



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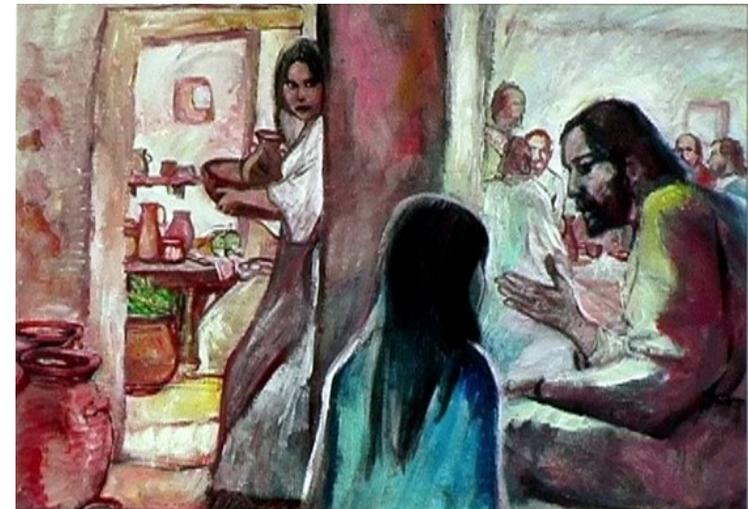
Pilgrim
Uniting Church

11.00am
Choral Worship

Sunday, 21st July 2019

Pentecost 6
COCU48C

*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.*



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THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE

The people stand for the entrance of the Bible.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Here, in this place, we set apart time for reflection
and to encourage each other in Christ.

It is God who is at work in us,
enabling us to will and to work for Love's common good.

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**God, source of life,
Jesus, firstborn of creation,
Spirit, living breath in all that is:
we come to be thankful for life in all its fullness.**

HYMN 474 Immortal, invisible

WELCOME

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the communion of the Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

*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.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of justice,
your word is light and truth.
Be present to us to restore us,
that we may walk in your way,
seeking justice and doing good. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace,
if we are so busy or so anxious
that we do not pause to perceive your presence,
Forgive us and renew us.

If we are so sure that we will recognise you "our way"
that we refuse to be open to the way others may see you,
Forgive us and open our eyes.

When we choose to turn our faces away so that we do not see you,
because that does not fit into our plans,
Forgive us and transform our ways.

If we have lost the joy of discovering your presence,
and are going about our life as though there are few surprises,
**Forgive us, O God,
and lead us in ways of joy and wonder. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Grace and peace are always present to us:
in all our lost-ness,
in all our weakness and sense of failure.
Receive the peace and grace that is offered:
we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

But, if we can still the noise around us and within us,
take the time to sit at your feet,
and embrace the humility required to hear,
we will discover that you whisper still,
within us, and through our neighbours,
in cries of need, and the silence of grief,
and then, once he have heard your word,
we will know how to live the truth
you have so gently spoken. **Amen.**

[John van de Laar]

And so we come to sit and choose the better part:
a time of closeness and openness to God.

Give us a new vision of a world
in which people trust the kindness of others,
in which leaders are not corrupted by power,
in which violence does not prevail,
nor lies hold the world to ransom
as poor and needy people go wanting.

We pray in silence for our world in need.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God in Community, Holy in One,
hear us as we pray as Jesus taught us, saying:

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

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

HYMN 437 Go forth and tell! Tune 362

WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go now, trusting in God's love forever
and always giving thanks.
Do not be worried or distracted,
nor shift from the hope promised in the gospel,
but choose the better way,
uprooting injustice
and proclaiming Christ with all wisdom.

And may God establish you securely in the faith;
May Christ be present as peace to you;
And may the Holy Spirit guide you in wisdom and truth.

*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.*

ANTHEM Jesu, dulcis memoria T.L. de Victoria 1548-1611

'Jesus, sweet are those thoughts of thee
which fill our hearts most joyfully,
Yet sweeter far that bliss will be
evermore thy face to see.'
attr. St. Bernard of Clairvaux (12th Century)

Please stand for and face the gospel.

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

Glory to you, Lord.

GOSPEL READING Luke 10: 38-42

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

HYMN 541 O Love divine vv 1,4-5

SERMON

THE RESPONSE TO GOD IN WORD AND ACTION

HYMN 588 The great Creator of the worlds

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Redeeming Sustainer,
pour out your strength and courage upon us,
that we may hurry to make you welcome
not only in our concern for others,
but also by serving them generously and faithfully in your name
through these gifts. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

If there is anything we need to learn,
it's to listen, God;
In the midst of so many words
telling us who 'we' are and who 'they' are,
and what 'the real problem' is,
directing and misdirecting us,
recruiting us and selling all manner of things to us,
we can start to believe you've gone silent.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

ANTHEM Ye that do your Master's will
Orlando Gibbons 1583-1625

The children are invited to go with Jenny for their activities.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God,
open our ears to hear your word
and be drawn closer to you. **Amen**

FIRST READING Amos 8: 1-12

In this is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 52

- 1 Why boastest thou thyself, thou tyrant that thou canst do mischief;
- 2 Whereas the goodness of God endureth yet daily?
- 3 Thy tongue imagineth wickedness
and with lies thou cuttest like a sharp razor.
- 4 Thou hast loved unrighteousness more than goodness
and to talk of lies more than righteousness.
- 5 Thou hast loved to speak all words that may do hurt
O thou false tongue.
- 6 Therefore shall God destroy thee for ever he shall take thee, and pluck
thee out of thy dwelling, and root thee out of the land of the living.
- 7 The righteous also shall see this, and fear and shall laugh him to scorn;
- 8 Lo, this is the man that took not God for his strength but trusted unto
the multitude of his riches,
and strengthened himself in his wickedness.
- 9 As for me, I am like a green olive-tree in the house of God
my trust is in the tender mercy of God for ever and ever.
- 10 I will always give thanks unto thee for that thou hast done
and I will hope in thy Name, for thy saints like it well.

Please stand and sing 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 Colossians 1: 15-28

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