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Pilgrim
Uniting Church

11.00am Choral Worship

Sunday, 29th September 2019

Pentecost 16
COCU58C

*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.*

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE

The people stand for the entrance of the Bible.

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 370 All praise to God who reigns above

WELCOME

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God and the fellowship of the Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

Those who wish to do so are invited to share a sign of peace with those immediately around them using words such as 'Gods Peace be with you / and also with you'. Please respect those who wish to use this time for quiet contemplation.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Today O God we discover again that we are travellers on the Pilgrim way.
We find in this moment a resting place to catch our breath,
here we look, listen and share inspiration from the written and spoken word.
Here we pray for guidance on the road ahead,
here we take in the gifts and graces which the Lord has provided,
the hope, the inspiration, the joy,
the empowering presence of the One who leads us on.
Grant us O God the wisdom to take it in
and know it as gift and promise for the future.

Sisters and brothers, join with me in prayer
to the One who has mercy and will abundantly pardon.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, sometimes we are not very good at confession.
Often we don't feel particularly repentant about anything.
At other times we get occupied about trivial matters
and miss seeing the larger picture,
our standing aside, our walking past,
the blindness to the suffering of others.

Yet we know that everything we think, feel and do
is part of the foolishness, indifference and folly within and around us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Yet now is a time of new beginnings.
For our encouragement and peace we know that:
"The love of God is shown to us,
in that while we were broken Christ died for us."
Friends, believe this remarkable Gospel and live with the liberty of Christ.

Today and in the week ahead
continue with us O God with your saving patience.
Look upon and within each of us as we come to you.
Help us to turn again from all that divides and brings sorrow,
all in our life that is second best.
Create in us a spirit of honest turning around.
Free us from self-justification
and make room for forgiveness and renewal.

Living and freeing Christ,
enlarge the healing work you have begun in us and others,
bring us nearer that hour when our liberation shall be complete.
For your love's sake.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

ANTHEM My eyes for beauty pine Herbert Howells 1892-1983

The children are invited to go out to the lounge for special activities.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

May what we read, and hear, and understand
bring us closer to God. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Amos 6: 1a, 4-7

In this is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We ask this giving you our thanks and praise, for the minutes and our days,
for the compassion and grace you have given to us in Jesus Christ our Lord,
who taught us to pray as one family, saying together...Our Father...

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

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

HYMN 423 Fight the good fight

WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go now, relying on the love of God.
Guard the gifts and graces God has entrusted to you,
hold firm to the insights we have shared today,
treasures from the past, uncovered and discovered anew today.
Remember one another in your prayers
and in the week ahead continue to share the good news in word and deed.

And may God give you grace, mercy and peace:
May Christ Jesus lead you into life and faith;
and may the Holy Spirit live within you
and rekindle good gifts within you. **Amen.**

You are invited to be seated for the playing of the organ postlude,

POSTLUDE Trumpet Voluntary John Bennett 1735-1784

Please stand as the Bible is taken from the church

Presiding Minister

Scripture Reader

Organist & Choir Director

Rev Dr Dean Eland

Barbara Francis

Peter Kelsall

The Choir of Pilgrim Church

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***Please join us for tea or coffee and fellowship in the Lounge
after the service.***

THE RESPONSE TO GOD IN WORD AND ACTION

HYMN 447 God of freedom, God of justice

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give thanks for all we have received, O God:
gifts of love and time, money and abilities.
We return a portion of these gifts that they may be used
in and through the mission and ministry of this church.
Bless those who receive them
just as we are blessed in the act of sharing them. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious God, you invite us to see and hear those who are at our door.
Help us to be content to know that, as we brought nothing into this
world, we can take nothing out of it.
Help us to be content with what we have
and to use wisely the treasures we have been given.
May we be people who share the wealth you have provided,
sharing both the bread and wine of earth and the bread and wine of
promise, justice, equity and fullness of life.
Lord hear us
Lord hear our prayer...

Gracious God we pray today for those who like Lazarus are ignored
or neglected and left to suffer;
those who live in poverty within our city, state and world,
those who live with suffering at the gates of our nation.....
Lord hear us
Lord hear our prayer...

O God, bind your people together and make us in this place a creative
and positive witness to your compassion and life giving grace:
to the freedom and hope shown in the law,
in the word of the prophets
and in the servant One who travels with us on the way....
Lord hear us
Lord hear our prayer...

Here we pray again for those who govern and are in authority;
for those who lost their way and live in despair;
for those who need healing;
for those who seek to serve as Jesus served.
And in the silence we especially hold before you today
those on our hearts and minds.
Lord hear us
Lord hear our prayer....

PSALM 91: 1-6, 14-16

- 1 Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the most High
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my strong hold
my God, in him will I trust.
- 3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter
and from the noisome pestilence.
- 4 He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his
Feathers his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
- 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night
nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
- 6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness
nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.
- 14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him
I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will hear him
yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him and shew him my salvation.

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 1 Timothy 6: 6-19

In this is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM O gladsome light Louis Bourgeois c.1510-1561

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 16: 19-31

The gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

HYMN 201 Can we by searching find out God

SERMON