



Pilgrim
Uniting Church

8.00am Morning Communion

Sunday, 13th October 2019

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WELCOME, COMMUNITY NEWS, GREETING

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PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 66: 1-12

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, all people
let the sound of his praise be heard!
Great is God's power!
Creator of the universe,
whose breath gives life,
whose hands create beauty,
whose love brings freedom,
whose glory fills the earth,
to you alone our praise we bring.
Saviour of the world,



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whose touch gives healing
whose words offer forgiveness
whose suffering brings life
whose death is victory.
Great is his power!
Praise the Lord, all people
let the sound of God's praise be heard!

[John Birch]

HYMN TIS 152 Joyful, joyful we adore thee

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, as we gather this morning in this house of worship,
we acknowledge your presence with us.

**We come to add our human voices
to the chorus of praise raised by your creation!**

We come as we are - distracted and weary, hopeful and open
- knowing that you accept us and are ever mindful of our cares and joys.

**Quieten in us now the many voices that clamour for attention,
that we might centre ourselves within you.**

Let your Spirit mould us, shape us and remake us this morning
and every day until we conform to the shape that you call us to take;
the shape of love known and shown in Jesus the Christ.

**Speak to us this day in word and melody and quiet,
that we may be renewed in our faith and strengthened for your
service. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Listening God, sometimes we pray confidently, trusting in your love.
Sometimes we approach you fearfully, conscious of our own failure.
Sometimes we are reluctant to pray, evading your call to us.
Sometimes our prayer is a snatched moment in the hassle of activity.

But always you hear us.

Here we are invited to re-ground ourselves.
Where we are called to be honest about our lives in God's company.
It may be to seek forgiveness or reconciliation,
to renew strength to do what is good,
or to seek a greater experience of God's spirit.

A silence is kept.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God has covered us with grace; under God's hope we will find shelter.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYER OF OPENNESS

Open our hearts and ears, O God,
to the beauty and challenge of your word. **Amen.**

Through Christ, life rises from despair.
In Christ, all things are made new.
Because of Christ, your Spirit remains with us.
Therefore as generations before us have declared, we say:
**Holy, holy, holy God - wisdom, strength and hope,
heaven and earth are full of your glory;
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One
who comes in the name of our God.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Send your Holy Spirit, O God, that these gifts in creation
may also be for us the gift of re-creation in Christ.
Shape us into one body: press us into one wine;
bake us into one bread - the Bread of Life and Cup of Liberation -
for the feeding of all your children and the nurture of creation. **Amen.**

Communion is shared

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed by the life of Christ, may we go forth singing God's praises,
remembering God's promises and blessings.
May we joyfully give back to the world the love we have received,
believing that God loves all creation and abides with us. **Amen.**
[Henrietta Stith Andrews]

WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING *(inspired by Psalm 66: 1-12)*

As you go into this week, with you always there will be
the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of God's Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

The sign of the peace is exchanged.

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We bring our gifts in gratitude and hope.
In dedicating them, we dedicate ourselves again
to being your people in the world,
in the strength and enabling power of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

This is the joyful feast of the people of God,
where Jesus is host and we are honoured guests.
All are welcome here.

THE NARRATIVE OF THE LAST SUPPER

Blessed is Jesus, Wisdom embodied,
who feasted with sinners, disciples and friends
and now shares this meal in our midst.

We remember that on the night he was betrayed,
Jesus gathered with friends for a meal.

He took the loaf of bread, and after blessing it,
and breaking it, he gave it to his friends saying:

Remember me whenever you eat.

This is my body given for all.

When supper was finished, he took the cup of wine,
and after blessing it, he gave it to his friends saying:

Remember me whenever you drink.

This is my life poured out for you.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Open up your hearts. **We open them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is always right in all times and all places
to give thanks to God, Holy Wisdom and Eternal Love.
Holy and life-giving God, we offer you thanks and praise
in wonder and awe, in delight and astonishment:
for you are the breath of life in all things, and lover of each one.

You are in the sculpting of the planets

and in the setting of the stars on fire.

You are in our forming and our being,

calling us forth to love and care for all creation.

The rainbow and the law

are your signs of promise and covenant.

When we failed to honour your presence and your being,

your Word of Wisdom entered creation as Jesus

to share with us the joy and pain of our humanity.

BIBLE READINGS: Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

Luke 17: 11-19

REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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 SMS 60 Now to your table spread

(Words: Shirley E Murray)

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

Now to your table spread;

we come, each one in faith

that you alone provide the words of life or death:

in wine and bread, in promised food

we find your loving heart, O God.

Hands of the world stretch out,

your mystery to touch;

in longing to believe a truth beyond our reach,

to sing in joy, to cry in grief,

to know your meaning for our life.

Here is our common wealth

in sharing what is good,

as though all humankind around one table stood,

this bread to break, this wine to taste:

one people in the name of Christ.