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**Pilgrim**  
Uniting Church

11.00am  
Choral Worship

Sunday, 8th July 2018

Pentecost 7  
COCU46B

*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 are invited to stand for the entrance of the Bible.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Open our lips O Lord:  
and we shall declare your praise.  
O God, make speed to save us.  
O Lord, make haste to help us.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Let us praise the Lord.  
The Lord's name be praised.

HYMN 400      City of God

WELCOME and GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion  
of the Holy 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 'God's Peace be with you /  
**and also with you**'. Please respect those who wish to use this time for quiet  
contemplation.*

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SECOND READING            2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

In this is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM            Jesu, joy of man's desiring        J.S. Bach 1685-1750

*Please stand for and face the gospel.*

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

**Glory to you, Lord.**

GOSPEL READING            Mark 6: 1-13

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

HYMN 349            When to our world the Saviour came

SERMON

### **THE RESPONSE TO GOD IN WORD AND ACTION**

HYMN 435            Glorious things of thee are spoken

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May this money and the energy that it represents become a gift to the world and to you, Loving God: you who have given us everything.

May it support the calling and sending of healers and peacemakers. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, we pray today for all who are sure that there are no deeds of power that will ever change the circumstance of their lives. We pray for those who are resigned to colourless days, anger, and bitterness. For all who are certain that there is nothing more to their existence than all they have now.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, your Word creates all things and your Spirit renews the earth.

**We listen for your Word and attend to your Spirit. Amen.**

FIRST READING            2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10

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**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 48

- 1 Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.
- 2 The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth upon the north-side lieth the city of the great King; God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.
- 3 For lo, the kings of the earth are gathered, and gone by together.
- 4 They marvelled to see such things they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.
- 5 Fear came there upon them, and sorrow as upon a woman in her travail.
- 6 Thou shalt break the ships of the sea through the east-wind.
- 7 Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; God upholdeth the same for ever.
- 8 We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God in the midst of thy temple.
- 9 O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end thy right hand is full of righteousness.
- 10 Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughter of Judah be glad because of thy judgements.
- 11 Walk about Sion, and go round about her and tell the towers thereof.
- 12 Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses that ye may tell them that come after.
- 13 For this God is our God for ever and ever he shall be our guide unto death.

*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.**