

**Pilgrim Uniting Church  
12 Flinders Street, Adelaide**

**8.00am MORNING WORSHIP**

**46B**

**8th July 2018**

**WELCOME and GREETING and COMMUNITY NEWS**

**GATHERING**

God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace:

We thank you for the gift of life:

for the breath that sustains life, for the food of this earth that nurtures life,  
for the love of family and friends without which there would be no life.

We thank you for the mystery of creation:

for the beauty that the eye can see, for the joy that the ear may hear,  
for the unknown that we cannot behold filling the universe with wonder,  
for the expanse of space that draws us beyond the definitions of our selves.

We thank you for setting us in communities:

for families who nurture our becoming, for friends who love us by choice,  
for companions who share our burdens and daily tasks,  
for strangers who welcome us into their midst,  
for people from other lands who call us to grow in understanding,  
for children who lighten our moments with delight,  
for the unborn, who offer us hope for the future.

We thank you for this day:

for life and one more day to love,  
for opportunity and one more day to work for justice and peace,  
for neighbours and one more person to love and by whom be loved,  
for your grace and one more experience of your presence,  
for your promise:

to be with us, to be our God, and to give salvation.

For these, and all blessings, we give you thanks, eternal, loving God,  
through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

*(Source: adapted from "Prayers of Our Hearts" by Vienna Cobb Anderson)*

**Psalm of the day**

**HYMN** TiS 181 Come O God of all the earth/Sing Out Earth and Skies

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(based on Psalm 123)*

*This psalm speaks of a sacred place. In its biblical version its focus is on Jerusalem the so-called "holy city". Today, as much as any time, we should pray for the peace of Jerusalem. But we all need our Jerusalem - our sacred place, where we discover a strong peace emanating from the Good Presence.*

What a scramble our lives can be. We rush from place to place. We know the pains and the prejudices of life... We live on a knife-edge, ready it would seem, to throw our lot in with those who surrender to the negatives of our humanity. What a relief to come into a place like this where we can feel a quietening presence; where people can come together and find a common purpose and a unifying spirit. Together, we need to re-find our equilibrium in God, lest people come to believe that all their stresses are inevitable. So I say, let a good peace come over this city; let peace come to these walls; let all who come here, all their friends

and their families know a strong and healthy peace with them.  
O God, we have been too long with our eyes on the wrong things, even though we believe them to be right. Lift our eyes to a bigger better dimension, O God, to be participants in your broadening good presence. *(a time for reflection)*

May it be so. **Amen.**

*(Source: adapted, Francis Macnab, A fine wind is blowing)*

**HYMN** TiS 417          Loving Spirit, Loving Spirit

**BIBLE READINGS**      2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Mark 6: 1-13

## REFLECTION

### PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

*Prayers are offered* - this is my prayer/this is our prayer

Lord of heaven and earth  
of all nations and peoples, all faiths and no faith  
reveal yourself/ **to those who are suffering,**  
reveal yourself/ **to all who are refugees,**  
reveal yourself/ **to those who are powerful,**  
reveal yourself/ **to all who are powerless,**  
reveal yourself/ **to ordinary people in their everyday lives,**  
that this world might reflect your love and your glory.

*(Source: John Birth, www.faithandworship.com)*

We pray in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**HYMN** For your generous providing

For your generous providing  
which sustain us all our days,  
for your Spirit here residing,  
we proclaim our heartfelt praise.  
Through the depths of joy and sorrow,  
though the road be smooth or rough,  
fearless, we can face tomorrow  
for your grace will be enough.

Hush our world's seductive noises  
tempting us to stand alone;  
save us from the siren voices  
calling us to trust our own.  
For those snared by earthly treasure,  
lured by false security,  
Jesus, true and only measure,  
spring the trap to set folk free.

Round your table, through your giving,  
show us how to live and pray  
till your kingdom's way of living  
is the bread we share each day:

bread for us and for our neighbour,  
bread for body, mind, and soul,  
bread of heaven and human labour -  
broken bread that makes us whole.

*(Words: Leith Fisher; Tune: Holy Manna)*

*During the singing of this hymn your offering will be received.*

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

For the wondrous gift of life, we are thankful, O God. Your generous outpouring of grace reminds us of the fruitful life we are called to bear. May these gifts of money, time and labour embody our desire to share and contribute to your mission in the world. Amen.

### **COMMUNION**

#### **Words for Invitation**

In the name of the One who said, 'I am the bread of life',  
I invite you to come and eat.

In the name of the One who said, 'I am the true vine',  
I invite you to come and drink.

In the name of the One who said, "Love one another, as I have loved you",  
I invite you to the table of Jesus Christ.

#### **The great prayer of thanksgiving**

Let us lift up our hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for in Christ you are gathering all things into one communion and adopting us as your own beloved children. Every created thing is yours, for you founded the earth and gave life to all who live on it. Even before that, you chose us and planned for our inclusion into your life of wholeness, holiness and glorious splendour. With all wisdom and insight you made known to your people the mystery of your will. Though tyrants have opposed your truth, cutting down your prophets, and crucifying your Son, Jesus Christ, you have not left us to death's powers. When you raised Christ from the dead, you opened the ancient gates to us and sealed us with your promised Holy Spirit, so that we might enter your resurrection life, leaping and dancing, and receive every blessing of heaven. And so with the company of heaven and earth we 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.**

We remember the night Jesus spoke of his love for his friends, when he took bread, mindful of God's constant presence in his life. He gave thanks and shared the bread with his friends, wanting them to be mindful of his own faithful love and his belief in the bond between human and divine love. We break and share this bread as Jesus broke and shared bread. We take and eat as our openness to the Spirit of Love in our midst and our remembrance of Jesus, who enlightens our hearts and minds and who was ready to die for his beliefs. We take this cup and drink, as Jesus asked his friends to drink, mindful of a relationship of love and trust between ourselves and the Spirit of Life, believing, as Jesus believed, that to live in love is to live in God and to have God live and love in us.

### **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Loving God, by your Word and Holy Spirit, bless these gifts that they may be for us the life of

Christ, and that we may become, by grace, one with him for the sake of the world. **Amen**

**PRESENTATION OF BREAD AND CUP**

The bread we break is a sharing in the life of Christ

The cup we take is a sharing in the sacrificial love of Christ.

The gifts of God for us, the people of God. *Communion is shared.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.

**May this food strengthen us in love, and help us to serve you and each other.**

**We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen**

**WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING** *(inspired by Ephesians 1:3-14)*

Friends in Christ, companions on his life-giving way; go well into the unfolding week. Behold beauty along your paths, seek conversation with that which you fear, hold fast to conviction yet let go of limited perspective. Remain in love. Live out of love. And the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the goodness of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you and for you, now and always. Amen.

*(Source: Words4Worship)*

**Passing of the peace**

God's peace be with you/**And also with you.** *(a sign of peace is exchanged)*