

*This is a Freshfirsts service, shaped by Helen Wiltshire, using material from a number of sources, with wisdom and witness from Jana Norman and with leadership from members of a cluster group. Our thanks to Jeff Telfer on piano, to Ruth Farrent as song leader and to all the musicians. Thanks also to the skilled technical crew.*

*Part of the service is in conversation with the book Reaching Out: The three movements of the spiritual life by Henri J. M. Nouwen. (1975) This book is available in the Pilgrim Library. From the back cover:*

*"This classic work of spirituality is a response to the question, "What does it mean to live a life in the Spirit of Jesus Christ?" Nouwen finds it to be a lonely business, as Dante also found when he said, "In the middle of the way of life I find myself in a dark wood. However we can and must reach out to our fellow human beings and to God."*

*The church is fitted with a hearing loop which covers the body of the church. To receive most benefit, hearing aid wearers are advised to switch their hearing aid to T-setting.*



**Pilgrim Uniting Church**

12 Flinders Street, Adelaide

9.30 COMMUNITY WORSHIP



**Pentecost 6**

**5th July, 2015**

## ***From hostility to hospitality***

**Lighting community candles and candles for NAIDOC week**

### **Acknowledgement of land**

For thousands of years, Indigenous people have walked in this land. Their relationship with land is at the centre of their lives. We acknowledge the Kurna People, their stewardship of land and their hospitality.

### **Call**

We are all travellers,  
seeking a place of welcome,  
thankful for the kindness of strangers.  
We are all pilgrims,  
moving into an unknown future,  
sharing life together.

**Welcome – we greet those around us**

**Song TiS 179 Praise with joy the world's Creator**

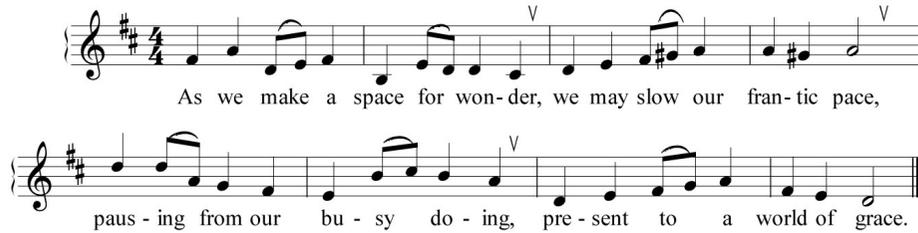
### **Finding welcome**

**Song HaND 22 As we make a space  
Prayers of who we are**

Sometimes we have been afraid to reach out,  
**and sometimes we have risked new friendships.**  
Sometimes we have been unwilling to ask for help, for hospitality  
**and sometimes we have found a welcome, and a listening heart.**

Sometimes we have been afraid of strangers,

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As we make a space for won-der, we may slow our fran-tic pace,  
paus-ing from our bu-sy do-ing, pre-sent to a world of grace.

- 1 As we make a space for wonder,  
we may slow our frantic pace,  
pausing from our busy doing,  
present to a world of grace.
- 2 As we make a space for friendship,  
we may walk on holy ground,  
weaving cords of love and welcome,  
filling life with joy profound.
- 3 As we make a space for others,  
we may find that Christ has  
come,  
once again to sit at table,  
breaking bread to make us one.

**and sometimes we have opened our hearts and homes and entertained angels.**

Sometimes we have failed to recognise the gifts of one another

**and sometimes we have celebrated those gifts**

Sometimes we have been blind and deaf to the prophets in our midst

**and sometimes we have heard their call to life.**

May we grow in wisdom and understanding.

**May we act with courage and grace. Amen**

**Reaching out**

**Bible Reading Mark 6: 1-13**

**Song HaND 28 Love is making all things new** (*print words*)

**Witness**

**Song TiS 648 Help us accept each other**

*During the singing of this song, our offering for the work of Pilgrim will be received. We seek to practice cooperation, encounter, generosity, nurture and solidarity in the city so that new life and vitality will be generated in the city and its – people.*

1. Who will dream a new tomorrow;  
who will spread their wings and fly;  
who will cradle joy and sorrow;  
who will pause to feel earth sigh?  
We will wake our souls from sleeping;  
we will seek a vision true;  
ours the hearts where joy is leaping;  
love is making all things new.
2. Who will weave a web of caring;  
who will share their daily bread;  
who will work with faith and daring;  
who will tread where Christ has led?  
We will touch life's deepest yearning;  
we will stir the flames anew;  
ours the hearts where hope is burning;  
love is making all things new.

3. Who will sing the songs of gladness;  
who will chant each gentle prayer;  
who will share the times of sadness;  
who will offer hands of care?  
We will birth love's promised dawning;  
as we trust in grace anew;  
ours the gift of God's new morning;  
love is making all things new.

### **Offering prayer**

Bless our gifts and us with them as we share love for the world. **Amen**

### **Prayer for the people**

*As we share prayers in small groups, each petition can finish with "This is my prayer," and the group can answer, "This is our prayer."*

**Song TiS 473 Community of Christ**

**Blessing**

**Passing the peace**

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*We share together the peace of Christ.*

*Everyone is invited for tea or coffee and conversation in the hall immediately following the service.*