

**47B**

**15 July 2018**

*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**

God, the gracious source of life, is calling us,  
calling us out of our ordinary lives to gather together in community,  
to be the church at worship in this place and at this time;

**and we are glad to be here.**

God is calling us in Christ,  
calling us to live within God's Word,  
to be light in the darkness and good news to the poor;

**and we are glad to be bearers of light and justice.**

God is calling us through the Holy Spirit,  
calling us to live out our baptism,  
to be liberating hope where hope is scarce  
and bring abundant grace to all who find themselves imprisoned;

**and we are glad to be bringers of hope and freedom.**

God is calling us,  
so we pray that we might open ourselves  
to the Spirit that dwells within us  
and continue to grow and thrive in love and joy  
as the colourful people of Christ. **Amen.**

### **HYMN**

### **WELCOME AND GREETING**

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Let us open our hearts to God in confession.*

When we dishonour your creation,  
and look away from you our Creator,  
seeking other sources of life and hope.

O God have mercy: **have mercy on us.**

When we block the flow of your grace  
drawing refreshment from the wells that leave us thirsty.

O Christ have mercy: **have mercy on us.**

When we fall short of your love for the world,  
failing to love you with all that we are  
and turning our backs on our neighbours.

O God have mercy: **have mercy on us.**

Call us again as your children  
to return to you through the abundance of your grace  
along the liberating highway of hope. *(A silence is kept)*

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Brothers and Sisters, God is love, and those who abide in love, abide in God and God abides in them. We love because God first loved us. Hear Christ's word of abundant grace, and drink deep from the well of his hope. We are loved. We are forgiven. We are free.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

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

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come Holy Spirit. As we listen to the testimony of Scripture, help us to hear and know the living Word upon whom salvation depends. Stir in us your wisdom and truth and inspire us to hope. In the name of Christ, Word and Wisdom incarnate. Amen.

FIRST READING                      2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19

In this is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## PSALM 24

1earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof  
world, and they that dwell therein.

2he hath founded it upon the seasestablished it upon the floods.

3shall ascend into the hill of the Lord  
who shall stand in his holy place?

4that hath clean hands, and a pure hearthath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

5shall receive the blessing from the Lord  
righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6is the generation of them that seek him seek thy face, O Jacob.

7up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors  
the King of glory shall come in.

8is this King of glory is the Lord strong and mighty,  
the Lord mighty in battle.

9Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting doors  
the King of glory shall come in.

10is this King of gloryLord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

*Please stand for 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 Ephesians 1: 3-14

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

*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: 14-29

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

**HYMN**

**SERMON** (UCA Assembly 2018)

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

**HYMN**

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

**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.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*(Bruce Prewer)*

Let us pray to the holy Friend whose faithfulness is forever sure.

Let us pray for the rich and powerful, that they may discover the joy of giving and forgiving, of loving justice and mercy, and walking humbly with their Maker.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those with hard hearts and closed minds, that they may encounter the grace of Christ which opens doors and softens even the most obdurate spirit.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the bitter and vengeful, that they may strike free from the chains of their anger and find the wonderful liberty of the children of God.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our weaker sisters and brothers, those whom we push aside in our rush to get what we want, that they may learn to stand up for themselves and rebuke us.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the bedraggled souls who have been robbed of their self respect,

that they may be cherished by folk who see Christ in very human face.  
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those whose lives are at the mercy of guns and bombs,  
that all lovers of justice and peace may find sure ways towards reconciliation and peace.  
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those whose eternal spirits have been plundered  
and corrupted by the gross materialism of this age, that they make wake up to their plight.  
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the sick and the dying, the fearful and the sorrowing,  
that the encouragement of the Holy Spirit may be theirs  
through long days and dark nights.  
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the holy, universal church, that we may remember  
whose sacred name we bear and whose loving service to the world we are called to share.  
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:*

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

## **THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

### HYMN

### **WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING**

In the grace of Christ we are gifted the tools of hope:  
trust, faith, compassion, understanding and forgiveness,  
**that we might join in God's work in the world.**

In the grace of Christ we are called out into community,  
**sent as agents of loving service.**

In the grace of Christ, abundant grace and liberating hope is released into a hurting world.  
**We are blessed to be a blessing. Amen.**

*You are invited to be seated for the playing of the postlude,  
or to leave at this point without disturbing those who wish to listen.*

### POSTLUDE

*Please stand as the Bible is taken from the church.*

Presiding Minister	Rev Sandy Boyce
Scripture Reader	
Organist and Choir Director	Peter Kelsall
The Choir of Pilgrim Church	

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

*The liturgy includes resources from the installation service for the UCA President, Dr Deidre Palmer, and the Worship Resource book, Abundant Grace, Liberating Hope.*