

3. We asked for a rest, and you gave us a calling, peace, like an eagle's rise, lifting doubt and weakness into certainty.

4. We asked for love, and you gave us community, trust, like a desert flower, bringing joy and beauty in its promised spring.

Chorus

*Source of our call, and source of our sustaining,
renew us by your Spirit rain,
that from the stony days of drought
our lives may rise up greening.*

We are commissioned

It is time to go out to share love and power with others,
and to continue our work for justice, mercy and peace in our world.

May we share with others our faith in
the way we live
the words we speak
the deeds of our hands
the prayers in our minds
and the love in our hearts.

May the grace of God-in-Christ renew us,
the enduring love of God support us,
the communion of the Spirit accompany us
this day and into the future.

Amen

We pass the peace with others.

This liturgy was prepared by Marelle Harisun and Brian P. Ward,
adapting some resources from Bruce Prewer, Di and Peter Russell.
Jenny Ward led the musicians, Don Bell led the singing, and the "Norm Inglis"
cluster group collaborated in leading the worship.
Marelle Harisun gave the witness.

Please join us for a refreshments and conversation in Pilgrim Hall.

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

FOR WHOM DO WE DANCE?

Pentecost 7

12 July, 2015

Call to Worship

Creation is of God and everything in it;
our planet world and all who live on it.
The glorious secret of all life is that in the fullness of time
all things and all creatures will be one, in unity and diversity;
they will celebrate the renewal and reconciliation of all creation.
We pray for our representatives to our National Assembly
that they may discern your Spirit at work as they work and worship together.

Lighting the Candles, Welcome and Acknowledgement

Song: TiS 187 Let all creation dance

We Gather as Community

Source of our being,
we gather together to celebrate our lives of boundless opportunities and
unmeasured joys.
Yet all around us in this world we see daily examples of abuse of power.
We acknowledge that we sometimes act out of
selfishness rather than love
criticism and negativity instead of encouragement
conflict and alienation rather than peace
brokenness not wholeness
dissatisfaction rather than contentment
individualism not community
misuse of our world's resources instead of stewardship of creation.

We ask for mercy, justice and peace for all who dwell in this boundless world.

For we are all made of the same stardust with which the creation began.

We know that, despite all our weaknesses, we are accepted.

**We have the freedom to move forward beyond these abuses of power
to work for a reconciled and renewed creation.**

(Based on Bruce Prewer, Liturgy for today)

Song: TiS 182 Bring many names

We listen to our Tradition

2 Samuel 6: 1-5; 12b-19

Mark 6: 14-29

Witness

Song: TiS 421 Where the Spirit is, there's freedom

During this song, our offerings will be collected.

Offering Prayer

Living and loving God,
we bring these offerings for the work of the church
together with our will and power to work for change in our world.
Amen.

We raise our concerns for ourselves and others

Loving and living God,
we pray for all those in our world who are suffering from injustice and the abuse
of power:

for those who are discriminated against because of race, colour or religion;
for those imprisoned for working for the relief of oppression;
for those who are hounded for speaking the inconvenient truth;
God within, beyond, around – hear our prayer.

for those who unknowingly or deliberately abuse their power;
for those who prevent others from exercising their own power;
for those who take advantage of an imbalance of power when others are
vulnerable;
God within, beyond, around – hear our prayer.

for those deprived of reasonable health, housing and education;
for those suffering from hunger and famine;
for those who cry out for employment when there are few jobs;
God within, beyond, around – hear our prayer.

for those too weak to help themselves and seek support;
for those who grieve a loss or suffer from dis-ease;
for those who experience pain or despair;
God within, beyond, around – hear our prayer.

Today, at the conclusion of NAIDOC week, we pray
for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across this wide land
who suffer injustice and who yearn for recognition,
for an opportunity to share their culture, language, spirituality and
wisdom about caring for the earth with the rest of our nation.

(a period of silence is kept as we pray for others we know)

God within, beyond and around

hear our prayer. Amen.

Response from the words of Mother Teresa; prayers adapted from Peter Russell, 12/7/15)

*(We keep a period of silence as we reflect on the words below, to consider our
response. We then remain seated while we join together as we are able in this
affirmation of faith by Helen Alexander)*

Affirmation of Faith

**God of pilgrim faith,
as we are called together to be your people,
we will seek to live by the values and hope
of Christ Jesus whom we follow.
We will honour one another,
and seek to be an inclusive community
in which each one is given justice, dignity and love.
As your spirit prompts us,
we will seek to discern your will for us
and act on your call in our lives.
We shall be open to discovering your purposes for us
in all aspects of our personal and corporate life.
We commit ourselves to a deepening
of our knowledge and love of you:
in relationship and solidarity with one another,
through worship together and shared reflection,
through faithful action in the wider community,
and in honest fellowship.
We commit ourselves in this our congregation;
for by your love it is here that you have called us to serve.
And we commit ourselves to live in faith
beyond this building and this body;
for we believe we are partners with you
in the ministry of reconciliation in your world. Amen.**

Song: SfP 38 Source of our Call

1. We asked for a home, and you gave us a journey, faith, like a single flame, weaving light and shadow on an unknown way.	2. We asked for a sign, and you gave us a vision, hope, like a dancer's hands, forming shape and substance from tomorrow's day.
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Chorus:

*Source of our call, and source of our sustaining.
spin into our dance of time
faithfulness in days of doubt
that we may follow, follow boldly.*

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