

HYMN 213 Christ is the world's light

WORDS OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Go out, remembering all God has done for you.  
Break down the walls of hostility,  
proclaim peace,  
have compassion for all,  
and don't forget to take time for yourself also.

And may God be with you wherever you go;  
may Christ Jesus heal you and replenish you;  
and may the Holy Spirit encircle you and strengthen you. **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 Grand plein Jeu L-N Clerambault 1676-1749

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

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*Please join us for tea or coffee and fellowship in the Lounge  
after the Service.*



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**Pilgrim**  
Uniting Church

# 11.00am Choral Worship

Sunday, 22nd July 2018

Pentecost 9  
COCU48B

*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

We are here  
in the name of Jesus Christ.

Jesus came and proclaimed peace to those who were far off  
and peace to those who were near.

**We are no longer like outsiders in a foreign land,  
but are fellow citizens with the saints in the household of God.**

Let every one praise the Lord!  
**The Lord's name be praised!**

HYMN 208 Christ is made the sure foundation vw 5-8 & Doxology

### 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 may 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 the time for quiet contemplation.*

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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Loving Shepherd God,  
ever present and moving among your people,  
draw us near to you:  
that in place of hostility there may be peace;  
in place of loneliness, compassion;  
in place of aimlessness, direction;  
and in place of sickness, healing;  
through Christ Jesus, in whom you draw near to us. **Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In baptism we are claimed by God,  
and given the gift of the Holy Spirit  
that we may live as witnesses to Jesus Christ  
and share his ministry in the world.  
But we have not always lived as Christ's disciples.  
We have failed to live out the generosity shown to us  
in our own baptism by not extending God's grace  
to all people and all creation:  
God, have mercy.  
**God, have mercy.**

We have been indifferent to the suffering of others:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

In your mercy, pardon and restore us,  
that bound together in the ministry of Christ  
we may serve you with compassion and joy  
all the days of our life. **Amen.**

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Forgiveness is always present to us.  
Jesus came, "preaching peace to those who are near,  
and peace to those who are far off."

Now we "are no longer strangers,  
but fellow citizens with the saints and members  
of the household of God."  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

#### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

ANTHEM            Lord, thou hast told us        Arnold Bax 1883-1953

*The children are invited to go with Jenny to the Lounge for special*

HYMN 347        Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

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

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, your goodness to us is beyond measure.  
Your love for us is without limits.  
Every good gift comes from you.  
These small offerings  
that we make here, now,  
we dedicate to building a world  
where everyone experiences your goodness  
beyond measure and overflowing. **Amen.**

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Today God, we pray for those who suffer  
under the oppression of leaders  
who consider themselves  
superior to their people.

We pray that those who suffer  
may not lose hope that a day can  
and will come when all people will gather  
together in freedom and peace.

We pray also for those who would divide people  
with false divisions based on colour,  
gender, nationality, sexuality.

We pray for all who live out of the lie  
that some people have thoughts or practices  
or ways of being that are inferior to others, and  
that some people should make the decisions  
for how other people should live.

We pray that we might all learn to rejoice  
in the interconnectedness  
of people as one community of humanity,  
with much to teach and learn from each other. **Amen.**

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

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

before me.  
36 He shall stand fast for evermore as the moon  
and as the faithful witness in heaven.

*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.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 2: 11-22

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

ANTHEM Locus iste Anton Bruckner 1824-1896

Translation:  
This place was made by God,  
a priceless sacrament;  
It is without reproach.

Gradual for the dedication of a church.

*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: 30-34, 53-56

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

HYMN 288 Christ is the heavenly food

SERMON

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

*activities.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our hearts and minds to hear  
your reassuring and challenging Word of love, O God. **Amen.**

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 7: 1-14a

In this is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 89: 20-37

20 Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst  
I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one  
chosen out of the people.  
21 I have found David my servant  
with my holy oil have I anointed him.  
22 My hand shall hold him fast and my arm shall strengthen him.  
23 The enemy shall not be able to do him violence  
the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.  
24 I will smite down his foes before his face  
and plague them that hate him.  
25 My truth also and my mercy shall be with him  
and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.  
26 I will set his dominion also in the sea  
and his right hand in the floods.  
27 He shall call me, Thou art my Father  
my God, and my strong salvation.  
28 And I will make him my first-born  
higher than the kings of the earth.  
29 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore  
and my covenant shall stand fast with him.  
30 His seed also will I make to endure for ever  
and his throne as the days of heaven.  
31 But if his children forsake my law  
and walk not in my judgements;  
32 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments  
I will visit their offences with the rod, and their sin with  
scourges.  
33 Nevertheless, my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from  
him nor suffer my truth to fail.  
34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone  
out of my lips I have sworn once by my holiness, that I will not  
fail David.  
35 His seed shall endure for ever and his seat is like as the sun