



**Pilgrim**  
Uniting Church

# 11.00am Choral Worship

Sunday, 29th July 2018

Pentecost 10  
COCU49B

*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

The foolish and fearful say,  
"We are alone, on our own."

**We gather to remember the Presence of the Holy in our lives.**

The foolish and arrogant say,  
"It is my life; I am accountable to no one."

**We gather to remember the love of Christ in our hearts.**

The foolish and greedy say,  
"Everything I have is mine;  
I owe nothing to anyone."

**We gather to remember the call to serve others in love.**

HYMN 570 Sing to the Lord a joyful song

### 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 God, your grace is through and through,  
and stretches beyond the farthest star;  
your peace is deeper than our greatest emptiness;  
your love spans any abyss of alienation and death;  
your hope reaches out to touch all things, everywhere.

**And so we come to you this day.**

When our lives seem to empty out,

**your grace is still our bedrock;**

when our spirits run dry,

**you fill us with your joy;**

when we falter in our faith,

**you strengthen us**

**to serve with hope and peace.**

**God of grace and God of glory,**

**we come to you this day.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Come, let us set aside our foolish pride.

Let us be wise enough to offer confession,

to receive forgiveness,

and to seek to know the healing love of Christ.

**Wisdom's Heart, deep within,**

**we know we have failed to be your people.**

**Our hardened hearts**

**have been closed to the love of Christ;**

**our hunger for more blocks the fullness of your grace**

**from transforming our lives;**

**our trust in the powers of the world reveals a foolish streak.**

**Have mercy, God of every generation.**

**Shape us as your people,**

**and restore us to faithful living.**

*A time of silence as we reflect on our own life*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The wideness of God's mercy,

the range of God's forgiveness,

the infinite love of God,

the heart of hope which is never empty:

all these gifts are ours,

as God restores us to the fullness of life meant for us.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

ANTHEM             Bread of the world in mercy broken  
                                           L. Bourgeois 1510-1561  
                                           Arr. R. Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In our Scriptures today, Lord, reveal to us the richness of your grace.  
 May what we read, hear and understand, bring us closer to you, and call and inspire us to walk in your ways.  
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING             2 Samuel 11: 1-15

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

PSALM 14

- 1 The fool hath said in his heart there is no God.
- 2 They are corrupt, and become abominable in their doings: there is none that doeth good, no not one.
- 3 The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men: to see if there were any that would understand, and seek after God.
- 4 But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become abominable: there is none that doeth good, no not one.
- 5 Their throat is an open sepulchre, with their tongues have they deceived: the poison of asps is under their lips.
- 6 Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: their feet are swift to shed blood.
- 7 Destruction and unhappiness is in their ways, and the way of peace have they not known: there is no fear of God before their eyes.
- 8 Have they no knowledge, that they are all such workers of mischief: eating up my people as it were bread, and call not upon the Lord?
- 9 There were they brought in great fear, even where no fear was: for God is in the generation of the righteous.
- 10 As for you, ye have made a mock at the counsel of the poor because he putteth his trust in the Lord.