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*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, 12th August 2018

Pentecost 12  
COCU51B

*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

Come, all you who are hungry.  
Here is bread for the hungry:  
bread that will not fail you; bread that gives life.  
Come and eat. Eat your fill.  
Eat your fill and be satisfied.  
Be satisfied and live.  
Live and be fully alive.  
Come and be fully alive  
and be fully awake.

**We come, ready to awaken,  
eager to be fully alive.  
Praise God, from whom  
all blessings flow. Amen.**

HYMN 501      Light of the minds that know him

WELCOME and GREETING

*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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We gather in this place,  
with these people,  
in these moments, Gentle God,  
because we hope our self-righteous anger  
might become passionate justice for others.

We gather in this place, with these people,  
in these moments, Christ our Bread,  
because we hope our complacency with half-lies  
might become a hunger for your truth.

We gather in this place, with these people,  
in these moments, Gifting Spirit,  
because we hope our fumbling, faltering words  
might be transfigured into good news to others.

**Loving God, Living Bread, Spirit of Life:  
meet us here, we pray. Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we confess that we often live surface lives.  
We often give so much attention to the immediate  
that we have no time or energy for reflection  
on the past or thinking about the future.  
We often get so busy with the bits and pieces of our lives  
that we have nothing left for thinking about our lives as a whole.  
Sometimes, God, we fear going deep into ourselves.  
We fear what we will find:  
our unreflected quandaries,  
our unforgiven hurts,  
our unrealised dreams.

**Forgive us, God, for lives not fully lived;  
for living shallow lives.**

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

People of God:  
God knows you and loves you.  
You are alive in the heart of God.  
Rejoice all you people of God. Rejoice!  
Know that nothing you can do or think can shake God's love for  
you.

**We rejoice to know God's steadfast love. Amen.**

#### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

**We come to you in prayer, Loving God,  
awake and aware of your abiding love for us  
and all creation.  
Let us learn from your love.**

We watch how Christ loves us:  
not with caution, but with extravagance.  
**We would practice such lavish love,  
not noticing what it costs us.**

Watch how the Spirit loves us:  
moving through us, breathing love into us.  
**We would live such love for others,  
keeping company with God.**

**We pray for those in our lives and in our world  
who are estranged from love,  
apart from peace,  
separated from joy.**

*The prayers of the people*

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

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

HYMN 598      There's a wideness in God's mercy

#### WORDS OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Go out and imitate God, living in love.  
Put your hope in God's Word  
and let your own words be truthful and constructive.  
Go out trusting in the constant presence of Love in your life.

And may God always hear your voice.  
May Christ Jesus raise you to new life;  
and may the Holy Spirit nourish you for the life of love.

*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      Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir  
(Out of the depths)

F.W. Zachau (1663)

Translation:  
Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Christ's love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.  
Where charity and love are, God is there.  
And may we with the saints also,  
See Thy face in glory, O Christ our God:  
The joy that is immense and good,  
Unto the ages through infinite ages. Amen.

*Please stand for and face the gospel*

A reading from the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord.**

GOSPEL READING            John 6: 35, 41-51

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HYMN 284            Bread of heaven

SERMON

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

HYMN 414            Eternal Light!

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

For the gift of our life,  
for the gift of your love,  
for the gift of the world:  
**we thank you, Loving God.**

**May everything we give  
express our gratitude and  
be of service to your world in love. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

ANTHEM            Out from the deep            Thomas Tallis 1505-1585

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our hearts and minds to hear your Word of love, O God.

**Amen.**

FIRST READING            2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33

In this is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 130

- 1 Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord  
Lord, hear my voice.
- 2 O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.
- 3 If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss  
O Lord, who may abide it?
- 4 For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.
- 5 I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him  
in his word is my trust.
- 6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord  
before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.
- 7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy  
and with him is plenteous redemption.
- 8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

*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 4: 25 – 5: 2

In this is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM            Ubi Caritas            Alistair Knight b. 1983