

And may the face of Christ be seen in those you meet,
the love of the Creator shine in all creation as we wonder
and the warmth of the Spirit radiate in every place
Amen.

Passing the Peace

Worship leaders today include, Sandy Boyce, Judith Raftery and Judy and Dean Eland. Thank you to Jenny on piano and Marelle Harisun song leader and to all the musicians for their willingness to share their gifts. Our appreciation also for those on the AV desk and others who have prepared morning tea in the Pilgrim Centre.

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Pilgrim
Uniting Church

9.30am Community Worship

Sunday, 12th August, 2018

Pentecost 12
COCU51B

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***No longer strangers and aliens
but citizens and members of one household***
Joachim Beuckelaer 1533-1573



The Four Evangelists
SICD Museum Dresden

The Community Gathers

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Today we begin by greeting one another and share the experience we have in being “members of one household.” You are invited to light a candle remembering others who have shared their vision with us and who inspire us for the journey ahead.

A Taize chant as we come together to make community in this place.
(Seated and sung four times).

Lord Jesus Christ your light shines within us,
let not my doubts and my darkness speak to me.
Lord Jesus Christ your light shines within us,
let our hearts always welcome your love.

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

Call to Worship

Life rises in our midst:
Sometimes hard-won life.
It surprises us when it blossoms forth at unexpected times:
And in unexpected places.
It comes with power stronger than death:
**Life born of faithfulness,
life born of courage,**
life born of God.
Thanks be to God.

(Dorothy McRae-McMahon)

Act of Awareness

Gathered here, we find the Sacred in this place.
May we be awakened again to the mystery that humbles us,
the realities that orient us,
the beauty that informs us,
the fellowship that sustains us,
and the creativity and giftedness that heightens and deepens our calling,
that we may give ourselves in honesty and openness
to our vocation as your people.

(Adapt/Clarke Wells)

Prayer of Regret

**are there for us
in the mystery of the Spirit,
gently touching the earth with comfort,
leaving tracks of truth and courage,
and lifting her feet
in dances of delight
which leap over our laws,
our limits,
our boundaries on love.**

(Dorothy McRae-McMahon. In This Hour. 2001)

Offering Song SfP 10 Follow the Songlines

Offering Prayer

In being together, O God, we receive grace, hope and mercy in abundance.
Inspired by the ministry of Jesus you call us to be generous and loving.
In our sending use the gifts we have for the work of service,
for strengthening community life,
for helping us grow together into a whole body,
each of us bringing our gifts to build us together in love.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

*For those we hold in our hearts today.. .may include world issues,
our nation, the church and our families and friends.*

*Each sentence prayer we conclude with the words,
this is my prayer
and we respond. **This is our prayer.***

Song SfP 12 For You Deep Stillness

Commissioning

Go into the world to meet the people of many gifts and graces,
go into the world to find them no longer strangers,
but loved children of God,
waiting to join with others who are called to serve.

Blessing

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We find ourselves committed to those core pastoral practices that demonstrate the alternate social vision for the whole human community.

Ephesians addresses particular and specific instances where community life is at risk.

We are thankful that negative behaviour is counter-balanced by positive injunctions. These demonstrate the movement from the old life to the new.

We are thankful for those who think and act, those who pray and serve, those who have an eye for the detail and those who help us express our vision for the future.

A community with a common vision yet respecting and working with diversity and differences. A community that embraces our context, our place in the city, our own time.. no regrets, fear or nostalgia required by those who know and experience that indeed the Lord has yet more light and truth to break forth..

Affirmation of Faith *(Standing)*

Let us affirm our faith together.

**The footsteps of God
are there for us,
marked in creation
in countless gifts and beauties.
They lie there before us
in patterns of harmony and interweaving,
in survivals against the odds
and brave new life.**

**The footsteps of God
are there for us
in the light tread of the Christ,
leaving hollows of love and grace,
inviting us to put our feet within God's life
and finding ourselves deep in meaning,
held into purpose
and carried forward into fullness.**

The footsteps of God

As we hear you call today, O God, to embrace the new life given to us by Christ, we regret our hardness of heart, moments when we distance ourselves from others, put up barriers that divide, find words that put down neighbours and friends. Days when we let the sun go down on our anger and resentment.

As we worship and sing let us discover again the forgiveness, kindness and tenderness that comes from you as promise and gift.

Song SfP 14 God is Forgiveness *(Seated and sung twice)*

Early Word. Judith Raftery. Who was Jesus?

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians 4: 25 - 5: 2

For the word of God in scripture,
For the word of God among us.
For the word of God within us.

Thanks be to God.

Song SfP 49 When We Are Living

Witness

Notes: Unity in Diversity

The Basis of Union is careful to note the dates of the documents mentioned in paragraph ten. They speak of particular responses by particular groups of people at particular times in particular places. That is at once their glory and their limitation.

The diversity and the common faith we share in the UC was there well before us in the 21st century. We know that the four evangelists of the gospels were working with a range of oral sources about the life and ministry of Jesus.

In relation to the letters...what was going in those towns and cities to prompt these responses?

This new belonging carries implications for their relationship with each other; specific responsibilities in relation to their attitudes, the way they participate and help define group behaviour. Their common faith and their diverse backgrounds.

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