

## OUR OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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*We give thanks also for the generous provision of grocery items provided each week by the congregation in our food donations box (also by the East Door), distributed to disadvantaged people.*

### OFFERING PRAYER

In hope and thanksgiving, our gifts are offered for the good of our neighbours, our city, our world, in and through the life of this community of faith.

#### Acknowledgements

This service was prepared by Rev Sandy Boyce.  
Rev Dr Vicky Balabanski was our guest preacher.  
Thanks to all those who contributed to the service.

Music was led by Norm Inglis with Jenny Ward (piano),  
Genevieve Bassani (flute), Don Bell (guitar), Ruth Farrent (djembe),  
Graham Brice (percussion) with singers Alison McDougall, Colin Telfer,  
Peter Muller and Michael Heathcote.

Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the Hall after the service.

**Please help us to comply with COVID-SAFE Regulations  
by wiping areas you have touched on the pews.  
Thank you for your assistance.**



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**Pilgrim**  
Uniting Church

# 9.30am Community Worship

Sunday 17th October, 2021

Pentecost 21  
COCU61B

*The church is fitted with a hearing loop. Hearing aid wearers are advised to sit in the front half of the church and switch their aid to T-setting.*

This Service is being live-streamed. The Service will also be available for viewing on YouTube at 'Pilgrim Uniting Church Adelaide' for two months.

**Please help us to comply with the current COVID rules  
by wearing a mask in church this morning  
- and wherever you are in the vicinity of others.**

### LIGHTING OUR COMMUNITY CANDLES

#### OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God,  
we gather this morning in this place of worship,  
this place of welcome,  
belonging, and communion.  
We come to add our human voices  
to the chorus of praise raised by your creation!  
We come as we are - distracted and weary,  
hopeful and open.  
Still in us now the many voices that clamour for attention,  
that we might centre ourselves upon you.  
Speak to us in word and melody and silence,  
that we may be renewed in our faith and strengthened for service.  
Let your Spirit mould us,  
shape us and remake us this morning  
and every day,  
until we conform to the shape that you call us to take;  
the shape of love known and shown in Jesus the Christ.  
**Amen.**

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**SONG SMS 29** God beyond all names (*verse 1 solo*)  
Words and music – Bernadette Farrell

1 God, be-yond our dreams, you have stirred in us a mem-'ry, you have  
 2 God, be-yond all names, you have made us in your im-age, we are  
 3 God, be-yond all words, all cre - a - tion tells your sto-ry; you have  
 4 God, be-yond all time, you are la- bor-ing with - in us; we are  
 5 God of ten - der care, you have cra-dled us in good-ness, you have

1 placed your pow'r-ful Spi - rit in the hearts of hu - man kind. All a -  
 2 like you, we re - flect you; we are wom- an, we are man.  
 3 shak-en with our laugh-ter, you have trem-bled with our tears.  
 4 mov-ing, we are chang-ing in your spir- it ev - er new.  
 5 moth-ered us in whole-ness, you have loved us in - to birth.

round us we have known you, all cre - a - tion lives to hold you. In our  
 liv-ing and our dy - ing we are bring- ing you to birth.

**WELCOME**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

**PRAYERS OF WHO WE ARE**

Healing God, we come before you:  
 broken - yet seeking wholeness;  
 isolated - yet seeking community;  
 overwhelmed - yet seeking simplicity;  
 shamed - yet seeking grace:

**God, we yearn for the healing you promise.**

God of justice, we come before you:  
 selfish - yet seeking a generous heart;  
 arrogant - yet seeking humility;  
 responsible for injustices - yet seeking forgiveness:

**God, we yearn for the justice you promise.**

God of peace, we come before you:  
 afraid - yet seeking assurance,  
 agitated - yet seeking serenity;  
 angry - yet seeking a forgiving heart:

**God, we yearn for the peace you promise.**

*A silence is kept as we find our place within these words*

Pour out your spirit of peace on those who stand  
 on both sides of walls built by hatred and fear,  
 on those who dare to share the Cup of salvation  
 with those labelled as the 'enemy' - until all are graced.  
 God of communion and community,  
 bind us together as a people.  
 May our differences enrich, not divide us.  
 May we share our brokenness with patience,  
 grace and forgiveness,  
 that we may be a community that brings healing and wholeness.  
 And when the eons of our fighting and destruction are done,  
 when all of your children are gathered in peace  
 around your table of glory and grace,  
 we will bless you in that great congregation,  
 singing our love, our hope, our joy to you,  
 God in Community, Holy in One, this is our prayer.

**Amen.**

The bread is blessed and broken  
 like the banquet of grace. Let us eat the bread.

**Sharing love, we will never be hungry.**

The cup is blessed and poured  
 like overflowing tears and joy. Let us drink the cup.

**Drinking deeply, we will never thirst.**

*Communion is shared*

*(during serving show this video on the livestream, <https://youtu.be/c8A6eovZfls>, then return to the serving until it is completed)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God, we have gathered here because you have loved and continue to  
 love us, and we are grateful. By sharing this meal you have reminded us  
 that we are one community with many faces. Send us out now into the  
 world, to be people of hope who embody your abundant grace in the  
 places in which we live, work and play.

**Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

God makes peace within us  
**Let us claim it.**  
 God makes peace between us  
**Let us share it.**

Let us greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

*You are invited to share a COVID safe sign of peace with your neighbours.*

of life. And then he said to them: This is my body broken for you, do this is in remembrance of me. Through the broken bread, we participate in and become the body of Christ in the world. *Silence.*  
And then Jesus took a cup of wine, like this, and gave thanks: Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation. And then he said to them: Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me. Through the cup of blessing, we participate in and become the new life of Christ in the world. *Silence*

### EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Open your hearts. **We open our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Long ago, O God, you brought creation into being, shaping glory into mountains, fields and streams. Your Spirit breathed hope into all that has life in you. You spoke to our ancestors, inviting them to walk in your integrity, but their hearts had become hardened. Prophets were sent - pleading, cajoling, calling all your children back to your side, until, in your steadfast love, Jesus came to be amongst us, so that we might recognise your reign of peace, so we might find salvation through healing and wholeness.

So, with those who gather around tables of peace and hope in every corner of our world, and with those who are with you in glory, we offer our praises with glad songs:

**Holy, holy, holy God of all creation and life,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory,**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Pour out the Spirit of the Prince of Peace

upon the gifts of the bread and the cup,

not only on those gathered in this place

but on all your children throughout the world:

on those who gather around war-scarred tables

those who shelter from the elements

under fragile flapping tents in the desert

and at the tailgates of humanitarian vehicles,

longing to pass the Bread of life from hand to hand,

mouth to mouth, until all have been fed.

"The one who is nourished on the Bread of Christ

cannot remain indifferent before the one who,

even in our day, is deprived of daily bread." (Source: Caritas Australia website)

Loving God:

May the grace which was in Jesus fill us with grace.

May the hope which was in Jesus fill us with hope.

May the life which was in Jesus fill us with life.

**May it be so. Amen.**

**SONG** SfP 44 The love of God comes close

1.  
The love of God comes close  
where stands an open door  
to let the stranger in,  
to mingle rich and poor:  
The love of God is here to stay  
embracing those who walk God's  
way.

2.  
The peace of God comes close  
to those caught in the storm,  
forgoing lives of ease  
to ease the lives forlorn:  
The peace of God is here to stay  
embracing those who walk God's  
way.

3.  
The joy of God comes close  
where faith encounters fears,  
where heights and depths of life  
are found through smiles and tears:  
The joy of God is here to stay  
embracing those who walk God's  
way.

4.  
The grace of God comes close  
to those whose grace is spent,  
when hearts are tired or sore  
and hope is bruised or bent:  
The grace of God is here to stay  
embracing those who walk God's  
way.

5.  
The Son of God comes close  
where people praise his name,  
where bread and wine are blest  
and shared, as when he came:  
The Son of God is here to stay  
embracing those who walk his way.

Words & Music: Iona Community

### MEMBERSHIP

RECOGNITION OF MEMBERSHIP - Libby Hogarth

*(to the 9.30am Community)*

Will you continue to extend welcome to Libby into the fellowship of this community,

and will you offer her friendship and support?

**We will! As a community we will affirm our faith, live in communion with God, build one another up in love, share in the life of the church and serve the world. Amen.**

A REFLECTION ON DON'S BAPTISM (2016) - Joy Germein

**SONG:** SMS 1 All are welcome (v 1,3,4 only)

1.  
Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace,  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

3.  
Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space,  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

**A READING FROM OUR GOSPEL TRADITION** Mark 10: 35-45  
James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."  
When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

4.  
Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and love the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's grace,  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

Words & Music: Marty Haugen

**WITNESS** Rev Dr Vicky Balabanski

**SONG** TiS 414 There's a spirit in the air v 1,3,5,7

1.  
There's a spirit in the air,  
telling Christians everywhere:  
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.'

3.  
When believers break the bread,  
when a hungry child is fed,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.

5.  
When a stranger's not alone,  
where the homeless find a home,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.

7.  
There's a Spirit in the air,  
calling people everywhere:  
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.'

Words: Brian Wren 1936-  
Tune: Lauds; John Wilson 1905-92

**COMMUNION**

**WE ARE INVITED**

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at this table with its symbols of God's creative presence. It was around a shared table that Jesus taught some of his most important lessons, while in the process revealing the depths of both his divinity and his humanity.

God calls us to the table to find a new way:  
a new grace, a new hope, a new faith, a new life.  
Here is the company of heaven, seen and unseen.  
Here is the bread and wine to be broken and spilled.  
Here is Jesus the Christ, holy rebel and sacred friend.

**This is the belonging place.**

Here are the people of God, saint and sinner.  
Here is the congregation of heaven,  
those ready and those not ready to receive.  
Here is the story of God, crucified and risen.

**This is the belonging place.**

Here is the table of life, open and free.  
Here is the grace of God, unconditional and without end.  
Here is the love of Jesus, given and given again.

**This is the belonging place.**

**THE NARRATIVE**

We remember the stories of our tradition:  
While his disciples were eating, Jesus took a piece of bread in his hands, like this, and he blessed it: Blessed are you Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread