**Pentecost 23rd Aug 2020**

***Led by Fiona Bennett & Linda Harrison***

**Gathering & Welcome**

**Call to worship:**

One: The Holy One is here.

The transforming Spirit of God is

Strengthening us in faith

Nurturing us in hope

Uniting us in love

ALL: Spirit of God, with all that is in us, we offer you our gratitude and praise...

**Hymn: From creation’s start, there has been a story SoGP 30**

From creation’s start there has been a story

Told from age to age of the maker’s glory

Painted in the sky, sung in joy and sadness

Acted out in love, raged against in madness.

Listen for the voice, it has never vanished

Though from death’s dark night we had thought it banished

Here is from the gun, from the prisons ringing,

From the long-denied, songs of freedom singing

Everyone who hears with their heart and spirit

Knows the story true, life we shall inherit;

What we give away shall return completed,

So the song goes on, evermore repeated.

Glory be to God, mystery in giving,

Glory be to Jesus, one with us in living,

Glory to the Spirit, hurt amongst us mending,

Trinity of life, in the life unending.

Glory be to God.

*Kathy Galloway*

**Prayer**

*Introduce Focusing Movement:*

ALL:

Within us (hands at heart)

Between us (hands open)

Beyond us (hands / arms stretched out in front)

The Spirit of God is weaving new life

*We unite our prayers together in the Jesus prayer or Lord’s prayer…*

Source of Life,

Father and Mother of all,

Creation honours you!

May your Realm of

Justice and Love

sustain our hope

and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory

of the power that is love,

now and forever. Amen.

**Time for all ages: Ps 67 Being a blessing to all**

**Short Song: let the world unite and sing SoGP 63 v. 1,3,5**

Let the world unite and sing

praises to our God we bring;

Aleluya, Aleluya let us sing.

Look and see what God has done,

gracious deeds for everyone;

Aleluya, Aleluya let us sing.

Let us all together sing,

praises to our God we bring;

Aleluya, Aleluya let us sing.

*Tom Colvin*

**Reading: Psalm 67 read by Harriet Davidson**

 May God be gracious to us and bless us

 and make his face to shine upon us,

2 that your way may be known upon earth,

 your saving power among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;

 let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

 for you judge the peoples with equity

 and guide the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;

 let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has yielded its increase;

 God, our God, has blessed us.

7 May God continue to bless us;

 let all the ends of the earth revere him.

**Sermon: Fiona Bennett Psalm 67**

**Music for Reflection: Joseph Davidson Taylor**

**Prayers of the People by Linda Harrison**

**Offering & Dedication**

**Hymn: Lord we come to ask your healing StF 652**

Lord, we come to ask your healing,

teach us of love;

all unspoken shame revealing,

teach us of love.

Take our selfish thoughts and actions,

petty feuds, divisive factions,

hear us now to you appealing,

teach us of love.

Soothe away our pain and sorrow,

hold us in love;

grace we cannot buy or borrow,

hold us in love.

Though we see but dark and danger,

though we spurn both friend and stranger,

though we often dread tomorrow,

hold us in love.

Help us live for one another,

bind us in love;

stranger, neighbour, father, mother -

bind us in love.

All are equal at your table,

through your Spirit make us able

to embrace as sister, brother,

bind us in love.

*Jean Holloway*

**Notices**

**Blessing & Sung Amen**