

Pentecost Aug 16th 2020 - Psalms Led by Fiona Bennett & Caro Penney

Gathering & Welcome

Call to worship:

The Holy One is here.

The transforming Spirit of God is

Strengthening us in faith

Nurturing us in hope

Uniting us in love

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

Hymn: Come, all who look to Christ today StF 678

Come, all who look to Christ today,
Stretch out your hands, enlarge your
mind,
Together share his living way
Where all who humbly seek will find.

Bring your traditions' richest store,
Your hymns and rites and cherished
creeds;
Explore our visions, pray for more,
Since God delights to meet fresh needs.

Come, all who will from every place;
Find here new powers of unity,
Accept the Spirit's strong embrace
Which binds us in community.

Come, trust in Christ and live in peace,
Anticipate that final light
When strife and bigotry shall cease,
And faith be lost in praise and sight.

Richard G Jones

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: Psalms

Short Song: We are one in the Spirit SoGP 111 v.1 & 2

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Peter Scholtes

Reading: Psalm 133 read by Ellie Murray-Peden

1 How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!	running down over the collar of his robes.
2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron,	3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Sermon: Caro Penney

Meditation – Ps 133 Redux by Carla Grosch-Miller accompanied by Mike Holroyd

*Oh how wonderful,
How joyous it is
When we live together
In peace and unity.*

*It is like a good meal,
The satisfaction
Of a full belly.*

*It is like hearty laughter,
Cleansing tears,
Knowing looks.
It is like the freshness of the morning.
It is like the comfort of nightfall.*

*Here the Holy blesses,
Now and forever.*

Offering & Dedication

Communion

Hymn: Come to the table of grace

Come to the table of grace
Come to the table of grace
This God's table it's not yours or mine
Come to table of grace.

Song: This is the body of Christ CH4 799

Broken that we might be whole.
This cup as promised by God,
True to God's Word,
Cradles our Lord
Food the good of us all.

Song: God Bless to us our bread CH4 763

God bless to us our bread;
And give bread to all those who are hungry,
And hunger for justice to all who are fed.
God bless to us our bread.

Closing Response

Presider: Together we are nourished by Jesus' life.

ALL: We go to share his life and love.

Hymn: Community of Christ Sff 681

Community of Christ,
who make the Cross your own,
live out your creed and risk your life
for God alone:
the God who wears your face,
to whom all worlds belong,
whose children are of every race
and every song.

Community of Christ,
look past the Church's door
and see the refugee, the hungry,
and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed,
the jobless in your street,
take towel and water, that you wash
your neighbour's feet.

Community of Christ,
through whom the word must sound --
cry out for justice and for peace
the whole world round:
disarm the powers that war
and all that can destroy,
turn bombs to bread, and tears of
anguish
into joy.

When menace melts away,
so shall God's will be done,
the climate of the world be peace
and Christ its Sun;
our currency be love
and kindness our law,
our food and faith be shared as one
forevermore.

Shirley Erena Murray

Notices

Blessing & Sung Amen