

# Season of Wholeness

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## Gathering & Welcome

### Call to worship:

One: The Holy One is here amongst us;

Ground of being

Guide of hope

Inspiring Spirit

ALL: Holy One we worship you and raise our voices in praise....

### Hymn: Spirit of God CH4 722

1 Spirit of God, come dwell within me.  
Open my heart, oh, come set me free.  
Fill me with love for Jesus, my Lord,  
come, fill me with living water.  
*Jesus is living, Jesus is here.  
Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me:  
Jesus, our Saviour, dying for me,  
and rising to save his people.*

2 Lord, how I thirst, my Lord, I am weak.  
Lord, come to me, you alone do I seek.  
Lord, you are life and love and hope,  
come, fill me with living water.  
*Jesus is living, Jesus is here.  
Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me:  
Jesus, our Saviour, dying for me,  
and rising to save his people.*

Helen Kennedy

### Prayer

ALL: Source, (hands at stomach)

Guide (hands at heart)

and Inspiration (hands at head)

Holy God three in One, we worship you. (hands open)

*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: Family Habits**

#### **Short Song: Take o take me as I am CH4 795**

Take, oh, take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart  
and live in me.

John L. Bell (b. 1949)

#### **Reading 1 Sam 8: 1-22 read by Tamsin Kilgour**

8 When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. 2 The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beer-sheba. 3 Yet his sons did not follow in his ways, but turned aside after gain; they took bribes and perverted justice.

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, 5 and said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' 6 But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the Lord, 7 and the Lord said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. 8 Just as they have done to me,[a] from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. 9 Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.'

10 So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. 11 He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; 12 and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. 13 He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. 14 He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. 15 He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. 16 He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle[b] and donkeys, and put them to his work. 17 He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. 18 And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.'

19 But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, 20 so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.' 21 When Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. 22 The Lord said to Samuel, 'Listen to their voice and set a king over them.' Samuel then said to the people of Israel, 'Each of you return home

### **Sermon by Fiona Bennett**

### **Music for Reflection by Stephen Ziffo**

### **Offering & Dedication**

### **Communion**

#### **Song: 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**

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.

#### **Hymn: Pilgrim people let me serve you CH4 694**

- 1 Pilgrim people let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.
- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;

I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

6 Pilgrim people let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

Richard A. M. Gillard (b. 1953)

**Blessing & Sung Amen**