

ORDER OF SERVICE  
26 July 2020  
Pentecost 8

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	Give thanks to the Lord our God and King	SCE 688/CCLI 3148428	
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	Amazing Grace (my Chains are gone) Oceans (Where Feet may Fail)	CCLI 4768151 CCLI 6428767	
Welcome & Visitors candles, Celebrations, Green Cards			Rev Allan Smith
Prayer: Adoration, Confession, Declaration of Forgiveness			Rev Allan Smith
Passing the Peace			
Children's Story			Selena/Emily
Song	Be thou my vision	TIS 547/CCLI 7056332	
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Genesis 25:15-28; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52		Laraine McKay
Message	<i>God works all things for good</i>		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	I am Carried	P&W 835/CCLI 2191081	
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith	Nicene Creed		
Offering Dedication	Rev Allan Smith		
Notices & Concerns of the Church			Rev Allan Smith
Prayers of the People			Rev Allan Smith
Communion Song	Remembrance	CCLI 5484616	
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	How Great is our God	CCLI 434399	
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song	How Great is our God (chorus)	CCLI 434399	

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith
Bible Reader	Laraine McKay
Praise Song Selector	Fiona Binney
Piano	Selena Anderson
Backup Singers	
Additional Music	Craig Binney
Sound System	Helper Please
Data Operator	David Potter
Power Point Producer	David Potter
Offering Collectors	NA
Communion Bread	NA

**Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.**

CALL TO WORSHIP (*From Psalm 105:1-5*)

Give thanks to the LORD;

call on the name of the LORD.

**tell the world what God has done.**

Sing to the LORD, and sing praises;

**and tell of God's wonderful works**

Glory in God's holy name

**let those who seek the LORD rejoice to the core of their being.**

Seek the LORD, and the strength of the LORD;

**seek God's presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works,

the miracles and the judgements of the LORD

**Holy is your name, O LORD.**

Let us worship God.

SONG      [Give thanks to the Lord our God and King](#)      SCE 688/CCLI 3148428

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy is your name, O LORD. Grant us now the help of the Holy Spirit, that we may receive your word with joy and thanksgiving, praise you for your goodness, and give ourselves to you in love and service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONGS      [Amazing Grace \(my Chains are gone\)](#) or [Here](#)      CCLI 4768151

[Oceans \(Where Feet may Fail\)](#)      CCLI 6428767

PRAYER OF ADORATION

In this kingdom

where the hopeless are thrown into Lake Forgotten forever,

you cast your net, drawing them into your embrace,

cradling them in your heart.

In this kingdom

where folks turn anorexic gorging on greed,

while the poor scratch in famine's fallow fields,

you wander in, offering top dollar

for the pearls of grace they uncover.

In this kingdom

where hope and faith, patience and peace

have been sold as showpieces for fancy museums,

you come, purchasing them back, polishing off the dust,

handing them back to us so we can see the reflection

of that kingdom you forged for us,

God in Community, Holy in One, we pray. Amen.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

What can we say about our foolish lives, God of Love? Too often, we choose to worship power when we could serve others in humility. We toss and turn at night, all those things over which we have no control keeping us wide awake, when we could turn them over to you. No matter how many times we hear the news that death has lost its power over us, we dread that day and try everything we can to postpone it.

For believing that our sins are more powerful than your mercy, forgive us, Grace of the world. You cast out your net of grace so that all might be gathered into your kingdom. Your Spirit carries the whispers of our hearts to you, and we are embraced with your hope, blessed with your love through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Spirit helps us in our weakness,  
and Christ Jesus is at the right hand of God interceding for us.  
We have been chosen, called and put in the right  
and nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
be at peace  
your sins are forgiven;

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SONG     [Be thou my vision](#)                   TIS 547/CCLI 7056332

## BIBLE READINGS

[Genesis 25:15-28](#)

[Romans 8:26-39](#)

[Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52](#)

SERMON   [God works all things for good](#)                   Sermon.mp3

SONG     [I am Carried](#)                         P&W 835/CCLI 2191081

## OFFERING PRAYER

Source of life,  
in unity with the Word of life  
we bring our diverse gifts.  
Breath of life inspire our serving  
in the use of these gifts. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of all nations, you have made mighty rulers your servants in the past. Today we pray for those who have been elected to lead our own nation, for those who have inherited their thrones in other nations, and those who have seized power through violent means. Open their hearts to the guidance your wisdom alone can give them. Give them hearts for justice and mercy for all whom they serve. (1 Kings 3:5-12)

Loving Law-giver, it is your will that all people should know of your grace and your hope for their lives. Send us out as your ambassadors of good will. Steady our footsteps in your Word, so that we might eagerly run to tell others of the grace you have blessed us with. (Psalm 119:129-136)

Blessed Spirit of God, you promise to intercede for us when we are so distraught we do not know how to pray. You search our hearts and lift to God those things which you know will be best for us. We ask you now to discern the needs of those who suffer in mind, body or spirit, those who are persecuted, abused and scorned. Give them strength to continue through each day and bring them the blessed assurance of everlasting life with you. (Rom 8:26-39)

Ruler of Heaven and Earth, life is sometimes as confusing as the parables Jesus told. And, so many voices tell us to ignore the message you want us to hear. We raise our voices in prayer for these friends and loved ones who need your healing and guidance in their lives.

This morning we pray especially for...

Send your words of comfort and hope for them, today and always. (Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52)

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG: COMMUNION      [Remembrance](#)      CCLI 5484616

SONG      [How Great is our God](#)      CCLI 434399

## WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Go now secure in the love of God  
from which nothing can separate you.  
Delight in seeking the Lord -  
look always for the power and the presence of God,  
and let love, like yeast in dough, permeate all you do.

And may God work for good in all things for you;  
May Christ Jesus conform you in the image of his love;  
And may the Holy Spirit help you in your weakness,  
interceding for you, and in you, according to the will of God.

And may the grace...

HOLY COMMUNION: Pentecost 8 Year A

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,  
for you are faithful to the covenant you have made  
with a thousand generations.

You are the creator and judge of all the earth  
and in all things you work for good for your chosen ones.  
Your servant Jacob laboured seven years  
for the love of Rachel;  
and for love of us,  
your child Jesus has laboured all the way to death.

He came among us, sowing your Word,  
and from that tiny seed your kingdom has grown,  
a pearl of great price,  
a treasure for which we would give everything,  
a home of welcome and grace for all people.

Though rulers and powers turned against him  
and he was killed,  
you raised him to new life  
and now there is nothing in all creation  
that can separate us from the love given us in Christ.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

And may the grace...