

ORDER OF SERVICE  
13 September 2020  
Pentecost 15

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	O for a thousand tongues to sing	TIS 210	
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	Salvation belongs to our God  This is the air I breathe	SCE 443/P&W 620/CCLI#24092 SCE[2] 1007/CCLI#1874117	
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	Because we bear your name	TIS 686	
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Exodus 14: 19-31; Romans 14: 1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35		Geoff Rohde
Message	Forgiveness- With or Without		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	I bow my knee	SCE 198/P&W 697/CCLI#1360607	
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith	Affirmation of Faith for Pentecost (2)		
Offering Dedication	Rev Allan Smith		
Notices & Concerns of the Church			Rev Allan Smith
Prayers of the People			Rev Allan Smith
Communion Song	This is my body (In love for me)	SIS 284/P&W 284	
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	Touching Heaven, Changing Earth	SCE 1046/CCLI#2317779	
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song	Touching Heaven, Changing Earth	SCE 1046/CCLI#2317779	

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith
Bible Reader	Geoff Rohde
Praise Song Selector	Allan Smith
Piano	Emily Field
Backup Singers	Jill Rohde, Ros Bambrick
Additional Music	
Sound System	Isaiah Kafoa
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

In sacred times of word, wonder, and awe,  
in ordinary days of work and play:

**in every moment, God is with us.**

Whether we are stuck in doubt's mud,  
or standing on faith's shoreline:

**in every place, God is with us.**

In those who teach us

and those who trouble us;

in those who surprise us,

and those who forgive us:

**in every person, God is with us.**

Let us worship God.

SONG     [O for a thousand tongues to sing](#) (Tune: Azmon) TIS 210

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving and merciful God, we praise you and thank for your compassion and your grace. You do not treat us as we deserve though our faults deserve correction and our failings deserve punishment. As a parent takes pity on an erring child and restores them to the path of righteousness, so in Christ you open your arms to us and forgive our sin and set us free from those things that oppress and bind us.

We come before you today in humble gratitude for this. Help us to worship you as you deserve and to live in a way that is pleasing to you. Bring to our minds all that you have done for us and grant to us in our remembrance the fullness of your grace, so that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share in and increase your heavenly glory; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONGS     [Salvation belongs to our God](#)             SCE 443/P&W 620/CCLI 24092

[This is the air I breathe](#)                     SCE[2] 1007/CCLI 1874117

PRAYER OF ADORATION

When we look over our shoulders at fear shadowing us today,  
you go before us into tomorrow,

making a path through the sea of yesterday's doubts.

When our legs tremble from the effort of standing up for what

you hope for all creation,

you are at our side, offering your heart's strength.

Cloud of Grace, we offer our love to you.

When we turn our hearts into deserts of stony bitterness,  
you transform them into oases of joy.

When we come up with all sorts of rules

for those who come to us seeking to find you,

you tear up the list, stretching wide your arms in welcoming grace.

Servant of all, we offer our lives to you.

When we would clasp old worries to our hearts,  
you open our eyes to that hope, which paves the path ahead of us.  
When we spend each day consumed with doubts and fears,  
you remind us that this day is the time to honor God, by serving God's children.  
Mist of Mercy, we offer our hearts to you.

God in Community, Holy in One,  
as you are all to us,  
so we would offer all we are to you. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Mercy and Justice, we confess that we do not forgive well. We want to be forgiven when we have done wrong, but want others to suffer the consequences when they do wrong. We want to be the executors of justice, but not face justice ourselves.

Forgive us for our sins, and help us to forgive those who sin against us. Keep us from sin by reminding us of your ways of love, and that when we lay down our lives for others, we are living for you. Call us away from our own greed and selfishness to care for others, to seek forgiveness where we have done wrong, and to offer forgiveness when we can to those who have wronged us. Help us to live as Christ lived. Amen.

#### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

If we put our trust in the one who justifies the ungodly,  
God counts our faith as righteousness,  
for God did not send the Son into the world  
to condemn us  
but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SONG     [Because we bear your name](#)     TIS 686

#### BIBLE READINGS

[Exodus 14:19-31](#)

[Romans 14:1-12](#)

[Matthew 18:21-35](#)

SERMON   [Forgiveness – with or without](#)     [Sermon.mp3](#)

SONGS     [I bow my knee](#)     SCE 198/P&W 697/CCLI 1360607

## OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, we come offering these gifts in response to your great gifts of grace and mercy. Bless us as we proclaim that grace and mercy through the service of our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom every knee shall indeed bow. This we pray in his name. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful Lord God, we approach you with fear that our sins might be too great to be forgiven. But you have taught us to trust you and depend on your generous grace. Bring us up out of our disobedience, and give us your peace. (Gen 50:15-21)

Loving Redeemer, make your mighty works known to all generations through the stories that our lives tell. Help us, always, to proclaim our love for you through our words and actions. In the same way you care for us, help us be aware of the needs of others and respond in love. (Ps 103:1-13)

God of all nations, you welcome all who come to you. Whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. Help us to honor you by acknowledging every person on this earth as your own child. Remove our prejudice and fear and replace it with your own vision of honor for all. (Rom 14:1-12)

God of reconciliation and peace, send your loving care to those who feel overburdened, needy in body, soul or spirit.

This morning we pray especially for...

We ask your mercy, your strength and your peace for them at all times. (Mt 18:21-35)

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      [This is my body \(In love for me\)](#)      SIS 284/P&W 284

SONG      [Touching Heaven, Changing Earth](#)      SCE 1046/CCLI 2317779

## WORD OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go out into the world at the call of God.  
Find your help in the Lord,  
and allow the Spirit to carry you wherever she blows.

And may God shelter you from evil and keep you from stumbling;  
May Christ Jesus secure your life in faith;  
And may the Holy Spirit carry you on the winds of God's love.

And may the grace...

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It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,  
for you are our help, our protector, our saviour.

You made the heavens and earth,  
calling into existence things which were not.  
You founded a people for yourself  
on the faithful obedience of Abraham,  
and led them through your law and prophets.

From the depths of your love  
you sent your Son into the world,  
not to condemn it, but to save it.  
When he was lifted up on the cross and killed,  
you raised him to life again,  
and opened the life of your Kingdom  
to all who believe and are born of water and Spirit.

Calling us to entrust our destinies  
to the unpredictable currents of your Spirit,  
and in faith follow your call into unknown places,  
you have invited us to share in your gracious promise,  
a promise of blessing for all the earth.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

And may the grace...