

ORDER OF SERVICE

18 October 2020

Pentecost 20

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	God is Great	P&W 931	Tony Leong
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	Living Hope (How deep the chasm) What a beautiful name (You were the word from the beginning)	CCLI # 7106807 CCLI # 7068424	Tony Leong
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	Show me Your Ways	P/W 789	Tony Leong
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Exodus 33: 12-23 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10; Matthew 22: 15-22		Annette Mison
Message	<i>Whose Image?</i>		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	Who You say I Am (Who am I that the highest King)	CCLI # 7102401	Tony Leong
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	Come as You are (Come out of sadness)	CCLI # 7017790	Tony Leong
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	All the people said Amen (You are not alone)	CCLI #6518275	Tony Leong
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction	Rev Allan Smith		
Benediction/Going Out Song	All the people said Amen (You are not alone)	CCLI #6518275	Tony Leong

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith
Bible Reader	Annette Mison
Praise Song Selector	Tony Leong
Piano	Chelsea Elvery
Backup Singers	Fiona Binney
Additional Music	Nathan Elvery
Sound System	Isaiah Kafoa
Data Operator	Ian Anderson
Power Point Producer	Ian Anderson
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 99*)

The LORD reigns:

let all peoples, and all the earth tremble in holy awe.

The LORD is great, exalted over all the nations.

Let all peoples praise the great name of the LORD,
the one name to be held in holy awe.

The LORD, our God is holy.

Exalt the LORD, and bow down at the holy mountain of our God,
for the LORD, our God, is holy.

Let us worship God.

SONG [God is Great](#) P&W 931

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy and Loving God - we give you thanks and praise this day for being able to come here and stand before you in this place of worship. We thank you for your love and for your help us and all those who call upon your name. You know, O God, the weights that we carry - the concerns that we have - you know our waking and our sleeping - our every thought and every deed - you know everything about us. We pray, precious Lord, minister to us in this time as we worship you. Lift our burdens from us as we lift up our hands and our voices in your praise, grant us peace as we bless your wonderful Name, and by the power of your Holy Spirit make us more perfectly yours as we hear your word and seek to do your will. We ask it through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SONGS [Living Hope \(How deep the chasm\)](#) CCLI 7106807

[What a beautiful name](#) CCLI 7068424

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Steadfast Hope: when we want to make all the rules so we can win every game,
you call us to your side, put your arm around us and whisper, 'play fair!'

When we tremble in fear, worried that our lives are about to crash to the bottom,
you place us in the hollow of your heart, and give us safety.

Word of Joy: when we would follow those who pretend to be our saviours
to achieve their own ends,

you remind us that we have been chosen to be examples of faith to others.
When we would fill our pockets with the treasures of temptation,
you ask us to empty them, so we can become servants of hope.

Crafter of Faith: when others judge us on our backgrounds, education, looks,
you teach us how to treat all people as equal,
to welcome each person as our sister or brother.

When we wonder how our needs, our hopes, our lives will be made known to God,
you mention us, by name, in all your prayers.

God in Community, Holy in One,
we know you as Glory, Grace, Goodness,
and lift our prayer to you. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESION

Creator God, we confess that at times we think we deserve more, that we are more important than others, that we know better than others. Forgive us of our arrogance.

We think we own no one nothing, but we owe You everything. We think as long as we don't hurt others intentionally, we have done enough, when we have not seen our own privilege, and how our unintentional words and actions can cause harm. Forgive us of our short-sightedness.

Remind us that we are called to owe one another love, and that love calls us to see the injustice our neighbors face, and calls us to take responsibility, both for our intended and unintended consequences of our words and actions.

Call us into Your ways of love, justice, and reconciliation. In the name of Christ, who reconciles all of us to you, we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

It is God's right to punish but God's pleasure to forgive.
In the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
we have seen God's goodness and generous mercy.
Jesus has rescued us from the wrath that is coming.

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG [Show me Your Ways](#) P&W 789

BIBLE READINGS

[Exodus 33:12-23](#)

[1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#)

[Matthew 22:15-22](#)

SERMON [Who's image?](#) [Sermon.mp3](#)

SONG [Who You say I Am \(Who am I that the highest King\)](#) CCLI 7102401

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, you stamped your love upon this world forever when you chose to enter it in Jesus Christ. In thanksgiving for such love, we offer these gifts and the witness of our lives as we dedicate ourselves anew to making your love visible through all we say and do in Jesus' name and in the power of your Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Almighty Sovereign, Ruler of all nations, you are the Lord and there is no other; besides you there is no god. You form light and create darkness, subdue nations and open doors before us. As you inspired Cyrus, who did not know you as his god, we ask you to inspire leaders of all nations today to find ways to co-exist in peace, leading their people with justice and mercy. (Isaiah 45:1-7)

Creator of heaven and earth, you have marvelously made us and all that exists. We praise your glory and strength. We give you thanks for your bountiful goodness; you have provided us with all we call our own. Make us generous as we share with others the gifts you have entrusted to us. Where there is need, show us an opportunity to serve you through serving others. (Psalm 96:1-13)

Gracious Lord God, we remember before you those who labor in love as they proclaim your message of good news in word and deed. Raise up among us faithful leaders, teachers, volunteers and workers who, by their lives show the world the hope you have provided for all. Guide them to make wise decisions according to your gracious will. (1 Thess. 1:1-10)

Loving Healer, sometimes when we're in pain we wonder where you are. We question your impartiality and feel like you may be putting us to the test. But, because we know all people belong to you, we are bold in asking you to be present with these friends and loved ones who need your tender care:

This morning, we pray especially for...

Embrace them and those who care for them within your loving arms. (Matthew 22:15-22)

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 [Come as You are \(Come out of sadness\)](#) CCLI 7017790

SONG [All the people said Amen \(You are not alone\)](#) CCLI #6518275

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Go now as those who have found favour in the sight of God.
Be imitators of Jesus Christ
and an example to all of the life of faith.
To the world in which you live, give your love and service,
and to God, give all that you are and all that you shall be.

And may the glory of God's goodness be revealed to you;
May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ take root in you;
And may the inspiration of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy.

And may the grace...

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It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for you love justice and strengthen the upright,
and you have shown us your goodness.

You are the living and true God who created all things
and whose voice sets the earth shaking.

You rescued a people from slavery
and promised your presence to go with them.
To Moses you revealed your glory
and through your prophets you made known your justice.

In your child, Jesus, you have come to us in person,
teaching us your ways in sincerity and truth.
In him we have learned to give to you all that is yours —
the work of faith, the labour of love, and a steadfast hope.

Though his enemies put him to death,
you raised him from the dead
and through the power of his gospel in the Holy Spirit
you have given us mercy and rest.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

And may the grace...