

ORDER OF SERVICE  
1 November 2020  
Pentecost 22

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	To God be the glory	TIS 147/CCLI 4556208	
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	God is good (all the time) Forever	SCE 125/CCLI 1729073 CCLI 3148428	
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	Refiner's Fire	P&W 657/SCE 436/CCLI 426298	
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Joshua 3: 7-17; 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13; Matthew 23: 1-12		Laraine McKay
Message	Waking Up to Hypocrisy		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	Comfort, comfort	TIS 647/CCLI 1271882 (vv 1&2 only)	
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith	Nicene Creed		
Offering Dedication	Rev Allan Smith		
Notices & Concerns of the Church	Ros Bambrick		
Prayers of the People	Ros Bambrick		
Communion Song	One bread, one body	SCE 2017	
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	All of my days	CCLI 3258208	
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction	Rev Allan Smith		
Benediction/Going Out Song	All of my days	CCLI 3258208	

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Ros Bambrick
Bible Reader	Laraine McKay
Praise Song Selector	Allan Smith
Piano	Selena Anderson
Backup Singers	Ian McKay
Additional Music	
Sound System	Wise 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 107:1-9)*

Come and worship the LORD our God  
with thanksgiving and praise,  
**You alone, O LORD, are good  
and your lovingkindness is for ever.**

You who are hungry and thirsty  
come and worship the Lord our God  
**You gather us from every direction, O LORD.**

You who are distressed, cry to the LORD;  
**"Rescue us from our predicament!"**

Give thanks to the LORD  
**You show your lovingkindness;  
in your word and your wonderful deeds,  
you satisfy our parched throats,  
and fill our hungry lives.**

Let us worship God.

SONG      [To God be the glory](#)      TIS 147/CCLI 4556208

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving God - meet us here and make your word live in us. Remind us, O Lord, of the cloud of witnesses that surround us and help us to follow their example. Help us to lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Make us, like all the saints before us - a people who are eager to share your love with those that are far off and those that are near. Guide us, we pray, by the power of your Holy Spirit as we worship and serve you - both in this hour, and in all the hours to come. We ask it in the name of Christ Jesus - our brother and our Lord. Amen.

SONGS      [God is good \(all the time\)](#)      SCE 125/CCLI 1729073

[Forever](#)      CCLI 3148428

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God-ever-with-us:  
you draw us near to your heart, so that, cradled in compassion,  
we might see the brokenness of all who are around us.

Teacher-beside-us:  
you draw us near to yourself, so that, by following you,  
we may discover the deep joy of serving the broken of the world.

Spirit-within-us:  
you draw near to us with your peace, so that, reconciled and restored to God,  
we may be the healers to a world shattered by despair.

God in Community, Holy in One,  
as we draw near to you in this time,  
we give you praise and adoration. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Healing God, we confess that we live in unhealthy ways. We put our own desires above the needs of others in the world, even above our own needs. We consume more resources than we need; we save up enough for ourselves into the future but fail to see the daily hunger and homelessness around us.

Forgive us for our selfish ways, and help us to seek you in our daily lives, so that we might serve you in the world around us, every moment, and love our brothers and sisters as we love ourselves. In the name of Christ, who calls us into restoration, we pray. Amen.

#### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Through Christ,  
God snatches us from the oppression of sin  
and calls us into his own kingdom and glory,  
fulfilling the promise  
to exalt all who humble themselves.

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

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SONG     [Refiner's Fire](#)

P&W 657/SCE 436/CCLI 426298

#### BIBLE READINGS

[Joshua 3:7-17](#)

[1 Thessalonians 2:9-13](#)

[Matthew 23:1-12](#)

SERMON   [Waking up to hypocrisy](#)   [Sermon.mp3](#)

SONG     [Comfort, comfort](#)

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#### OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, we offer these gifts and our lives, not for the sake of their appearance, but in gratitude for all you have given to us. Above all, we thank you for Jesus, for his selflessness and sacrificial love. May our discipleship possess these same qualities. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Spirit speaks and beckons us to listen. Open us, God, to your message of faith, hope, and love. Fill us to overflowing with the Good News of Christ. May your Holy Spirit transform us and make us new in the likeness of Jesus our Lord.

There are, in this world, many people with many messages. Each one wants us to hear what they have to say. Many of those messages contain words of comfort and peace, hope and challenge. They speak to us of how we should be as Christians in the world and they call us to live in your way.

Many other messages, however, are less holy. Some call us to turn from you and to worship idols of our own making. Help us, O God, to distinguish the spirits of the messages that we may hear your words in the din of the noise around us. Urge us, prod us, bless us as we journey down the path that you would have us walk.

We have prayed for ourselves. We pause, now, to pray for the other Churches in our community. May the message that Paul shared with the people at Thessalonica ring forth from all Christian Churches that the Good News may be shared and lives changed. May we find unity in our faith.

Finally, we pray for the sick of our congregation and community.

This morning we pray especially for...

Grant them your blessing and healing this day and forever.

God of Peace, grant us your peace. God of Hope, fill us with hope. God of Love, make us vehicles through which that love is shared.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SONG: COMMUNION      [One bread, one body](#)      SCE 2017

SONG      [All of my days](#)      CCLI 3258208

## WORD OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go now, in the freedom of the gospel of Christ.  
Encourage one another to lead lives worthy of God  
and walk together in service and humility.  
Let your words and your lives be one in Christ.

And may the God of lasting love open the way before you;  
May Jesus the Messiah be your one instructor;  
And may the Holy Spirit lead you on  
into the promised land of God's kingdom and glory.

And may the grace...

#### HOLY COMMUNION: Pentecost 20 Year A

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise,  
O God of lasting love and Lord of goodness,  
for you have lifted the burden of oppression from us  
and called us into your own kingdom and glory.

You created the earth, both dry lands and fertile valleys,  
and entrusted it to us to tend and harvest.  
Under your servants Moses and Joshua  
you saved your people from the oppressors might  
and led them safely through the waters  
into the land of promise.

In your child, Jesus the Messiah,  
your Word has come to us as good news,  
working within us that we might live lives worthy of you.

When he was killed by those  
who mouth the truth but live a lie,  
you raised him to life  
and sent your Spirit as our true teacher,  
leading us in the way of humility  
to the exaltation of your Kingdom.

And so we praise you...

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, we give you thanks for satisfying our hungry hearts with this holy meal shared in the Spirit with Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Strengthened and refreshed, we go from here to continue his work in the world through our faithful witness and loving service. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

And may the grace...