

ORDER OF SERVICE
20 June 2021
Pentecost 4

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	Be Thou My Vision	TIS 547	
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	Blessed Be The Name (I am Standing) Great in Power (Praise Him You Heavens)	SCE 193/CCLI#1827078 SCE 942/CCLI#2582339	
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	Have Faith In God	SCE 400/P&W 714	
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	1 Samuel 17: 32-49; 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13; Mark 4: 35-41		Annette Mison
Message	<i>Applications Are Open</i>		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	You Rescued Me	SCE 605/CCLI#1406011	
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	
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	God of Wonders	CCLI#3118757	
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song	God of Wonders	CCLI#3118757	

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith
Bible Reader	Annette Mison
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Piano	Selena Anderson
Backup Singers	
Additional Music	
Sound System	Nathan Rippingale
Data Operator	Harry Rippingale
Power Point Producer	Nathan Rippingale
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 9:9-11)*

The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed,

a refuge for times of trouble.

And those who know your name shall trust you,

for you, O LORD, have not abandoned those who turn to you.

Sing praises to the LORD, Enthroned of Zion;

and declare his deeds among the peoples!

Let us worship God.

SONG [Be thou my vision](#)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Faithful God, you yearn to be so close to us that we can know you in every breath, in every hope, in every relationship. You long for us to trust in your power to bring to life new possibilities where there has been no hope. Meet us here today and teach us to recognize the ways of life and hope into which you are leading us. So may our desires become your desires, our work become your work, and our community the place where you are sought and found. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SONGS [Blessed be the name \(I am standing\)](#)

[Great in power \(praise Him you heavens\)](#)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

You lay the foundations of the universe, building a shelter for our battered souls; you create wonders which are priceless, yet you always remember the needy. We open our hearts to you, God of Graciousness.

When evening comes and fears prowl the shadows of our days, you whisper, 'Peace! Be still!' to our hammering hearts, so we know that you are always with us. We open our hearts to you, dearest Friend of life.

Doubts and despair may swamp our lives, but you calm us with a word; illness and death struggle to control our futures, but you comfort us with peace. We open our hearts to you, Spirit of hope and grace.

We open our hearts to you, now and forever, God in Community, Holy in One. We lift our praise to you. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we know that there are no restrictions on your grace, and there are no boundaries to your love. Yet, we confess that we are guilty of trying to place restrictions on your gifts of love and grace. Too often, we build roadblocks in our neighbor's paths, instead of building up our relationships with one another.

Merciful God, forgive us. Teach us to open our hearts, so that we may love *as* you love. Guide us in the ways of your grace, that we may offer it freely to all others – just as you have freely given it to us even now. We pray these things in the name of Christ, our Lord.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Now is God's chosen time.
Now is the day of salvation.
The Lord meets you in grace and mercy,
lifting you from the gates of death.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
Be at peace.
Your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG [Have faith in God](#)

BIBLE READINGS

[1 Samuel 17:32-49](#)

[2 Corinthians 6:1-13](#)

[Mark 4:35-41](#)

SERMON [Applications are open](#)

SONG [You rescued me](#)

OFFERING AND PRAYER

Bless our gifts and our lives, O God, that your Spirit might work in us, through storm and calm, in following Jesus. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of darkness and light, whirlwind and stillness, reach out your hand to calm fears when danger threatens. Watch over those whose lives are placed in harm's way through no fault of their own. Create a garment of love in which they may thrive. (Job 38:1-11)

Gracious Lord, Come to our aid quickly and remove every evil from our lives. Help us to recognize you in the face of each person and treat all people with dignity and respect. May we work together for justice and peace here on the earth you have entrusted to us, so that our joy may overflow as we do your will. (Psalm 133)

God of salvation, we listen for your guidance each day of our lives, hoping to serve you in truth and grace. Bless all who work in your name to serve the least among us. Bless teachers, first responders, medical workers, custodial staff, social workers and all who bear the burden of using their own lives to better others'. (2 Corinthians 6:1-13)

Healing Lord God, sometimes our lives feel like we're caught in a violent windstorm. Worries overtake us and peace evades our reach. Today we pray for these, your children, who need your tender care:

This morning, we pray especially for...

Raise up all who suffer in mind, body and spirit. (Mark 4:35-41)

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

COMMUNION SONG [Come as you are \(Come out of sadness\)](#)

SONG [God of wonders](#)

WORD OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go out, trusting in God, even in the midst of the storms.
Arm yourselves only with the weapons of righteousness
and stand firm before the enemies of life.
Put no obstacle in anyone's way,
but in every way commend yourselves as servants of God.

And may the grace...

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It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for you are a safe haven to those in trouble
and we rejoice in your deliverance.

On the day of creation, you calmed the chaos
and with a word, brought forth the earth and its riches.
You never forget the cries of the victims of oppression
or let the hope of the poor perish forever.
You have delivered those who trust in you,
defeating their powerful enemies,
not with the sword, but with the weapons of righteousness.

You sent to us your Son, Jesus the Christ,
and in him we have encountered a peacemaker
who is undaunted even in the wildest storms.

Though the waves of death crashed over him,
you raised him up and gave him the power
to subdue even the tempest of death,
and to release from its terrors all who trust in him.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION