

ORDER OF SERVICE
18 July 2021
Pentecost 8

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	Heaven is in my heart	SCE 388/P&W 623	
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	I could sing of your love forever Jesus-lover of my soul	SCE 421/CCLI 1043199 SCE 290/P&W 681/CCLI 1198817	
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	Christ be our light	ATO 313/AOV[2] 3	
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	2 Samuel 7: 1-14a; Ephesians 2: 11-22; Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56		Helen Evans
Message	Breaking down walls		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	Turn our hearts	SCE 531/CCLI 1595238	
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith	Nicene Creed		
Offering Dedication			Rev Allan Smith
Notices & Concerns of the Church			Helen Evans
Prayers of the People			Helen Evans
Communion Song	One bread-one body	AOV[1] 129/SCE 2017	
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	Community of Christ	TIS 473	
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song	Community of Christ	TIS 473	

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Helen Evans
Bible Reader	Helen Evans
Song Selector	Allan Smith
Piano	Nicky Rippingale
Backup Singers	Fiona Binney
Additional Music	
Sound System	Nathan Rippingale
Data Operator	Liam 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

When politics call us to take sides,
Christ calls us to serve one another.
When issues threaten to divide us,
Christ calls us to love one another.
When injustice and oppression seem to overwhelm us,
Christ takes on our burdens at the cross.
Come, join in worship together,
For we are one faith, one body in Christ, and we need one another. Amen.

Let us worship God.

SONG [Heaven is in my heart](#)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lord God most high, you have come in Christ to redeem your people. Graciously visit us now, that the radiance of your glory may light up our minds, and fill our hearts with joy and peace. Pour out upon us the Spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will. We ask this through your Son, Christ Jesus our Lord, our Saviour, our Brother and our Friend. Amen.

SONGS [I could sing of your love forever](#)

[Jesus-lover of my soul](#) or [here](#) (for something a little different)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of aliens and strangers:
make the doors of this church wide enough so that all find a welcome,
a home, a haven, a heart.

Christ of the near and those who are far off:
make our hearts wide enough so that all might find a place
in this household of faith.

Welcoming Spirit of saints and sinners:
open our arms wide enough
so that all -
the guest, the neighbor,
the child, the widow,
the politician, the homeless,
the brother, the sister -
may be embraced
by your love and grace.

God in Community, Holy in One,
open your arms wide enough
to enfold us in your heart.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Steadfast God, we confess that we are so busy putting up walls between ourselves and others, we cannot see the home you are building for all of us. We spend so much time noting the differences between us and others, while you are embracing everyone as your child. We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us, and you throw open your doors to the stranger, the alien, in our midst.

Forgive us, Faithful Heart. By your grace, help us to see the household you are building for all people: there are no plastic protectors on the furniture; there are no rooms that are off-limits; and even the smallest child is welcome to sit at the big peoples' Table and be fed by your grace. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace, our hope, our Lord, our Saviour.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Though we have abandoned God's ways,
God's love and faithfulness will not be withdrawn.
In Christ Jesus there is forgiveness and healing.
At the cost of his own blood, he has reconciled us to God.

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG [Christ be our light](#)

BIBLE READINGS

[2 Samuel 7:1-14a](#)

[Ephesians 2:11-22](#)

[Mark 6:30-34, 53-56](#)

SERMON *Breaking down walls*

SONG [Turn our hearts](#) (new)

OFFERING AND PRAYER

Gracious Source of life,
in the unity of the Word of life
we bring our diverse gifts.
Let your Breath of life
inspire our serving,
so that all that we do
may bring glory to your name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving God, gather us together and teach us your ways. Bring into the world your gentle rule of justice. Give us wisdom to make this world safe for all people. Take away our fear. Destroy hatred and prejudice so that all your people might be one. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. (Jer 23:1-6)

Great Shepherd, in today's world many go hungry. They have no place to rest in safety. Natural disasters, human-made conflicts and domestic violence threaten their very lives. Use us as your hands to bring peace to all whose needs we are asked to meet. (Psalm 23)

God of peace, we are divided by national borders, regional differences, family traditions and personal preferences. Create in us one new humanity, reconciling us to you through Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Join all people together and help us to grow into a holy temple in you. Make us worthy dwelling places for your spirit. (Eph 2:11-22)

Gentle Lord, even in your own grief you reached out to heal others. Your compassion is known throughout the world. Touch these, your children, with your healing:

This morning, we pray especially for...

We bring our sick and needy to you to touch so they may be healed. (Mark 6:30-34,53-56)

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 [One bread-one body](#)

SONG [Community of Christ](#)

WORD OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go out, remembering all God has done for you.
Break down the walls of hostility,
proclaim peace,
have compassion for all,
and don't forget to take time for yourself also.

And may the grace...

HOLY COMMUNION: Pentecost 8 Year B

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for you draw all things together in Christ
and build us up as a holy temple to your glory.

You created the world and made it your dwelling place.
When you led your people out of oppression
you travelled with them like a homeless refugee.
You made a covenant with your servant, David,
anointing him to shepherd your people
and promising peace to those who followed your ways.

Your Son, Jesus, came,
filled with compassion for all who were without hope.
Though he preached peace and healed the sick and broken,
he was ensnared and killed by your enemies.

You raised him from the dead,
and, in him, you prepared a new covenant
— open to all people, near and far —
a covenant that breaks down every wall of hostility,
and reconciles us to you as one people.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION