

ORDER OF SERVICE
25 July 2021
Pentecost 9

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God	SIS 96/P&W 68 /TIS 745 /ATN 34/AOV[1] 48/SOF 493/SCE 447	
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	No Eye Has Seen In Your Hands I'm So Secure	SCE 899 SCE 221/ATW 470/ CCLI 1935925	
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	Oh Let the Son of God Enfold You	TIS 655	
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	2 Samuel 11: 1-15; Ephesians 3: 14-21; John 6: 1-21		Ros Bambrick
Message	<i>The Abundance of God</i>		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	Here is Love (3 Versus no chorus)	SCE 164/ CCLI 5827118	
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	Feed Us Now	TIS 538	
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	Our God (Water you turned into wine)	CCLI #5677416	
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song	Our God (Water you turned into wine)	CCLI #5677416	

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith
Bible Reader	Ros Bambrick
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Piano	Selena Anderson
Backup Singers	Kel Dakuna
Additional Music	
Sound System	David Potter
Data Operator	
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 *(from Psalm 14)*

The foolish say, "There is no God!

We are alone, on our own."

**We gather to declare
the glory of God in our lives.**

The foolish say, "It is your life;
you are accountable to no one."

**We gather, strengthened by the Spirit,
trusting that Christ dwells in our hearts.**

The foolish say, "Everything I have is mine;
I owe nothing to anyone."

**We gather to praise the One
who calls us to serve others in love.**

Let us worship God.

SONG [Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God](#)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy and loving God, we give you thanks today for calling us together in this time of worship to hear your word and celebrate your righteousness, your truth, and your mercy. You are the one from whom every family in heaven and earth takes its name. We pray that according to the riches of your grace you will grant that we may be strengthened in our inner being with power through the Spirit and that Christ may dwell in our hearts and show forth his care to the world through all that we do say and do, both in this hour and in all the hours to come. We ask it in his name. Amen.

SONGS [No Eye Has Seen](#)

[In Your Hands I'm So Secure](#)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Your glory flows through all generations,
as you name every family in heaven and on earth.
And so we come to you this day, O God.

Your grace is higher than the farthest star;
your peace is deeper than our greatest emptiness;
your love spans the abyss of death;
your hope stretches into all eternity.
And so we come to you this day, O Christ.

When our lives bottom out, your grace is still our bedrock;
when our spirits run dry, you fill us with your joy;
when we falter in our faith, you strengthen us to serve with hope and peace.
And so we come to you this day, O Spirit.

God in Community, Holy in One, we come to you this day.
In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*from Psalm 14*)

God of mercy and truth,
we have strayed from you in thought, word and deed...
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have disregarded what is holy
trying to satisfy ourselves
by our own means...
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves:
and feel helpless against those
who seek to frustrate the hopes of the poor...

***O God, who is a God like you,
a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness?
Be our refuge and our deliverance;
by the presence and power of your Spirit,
change us so that we may delight in your desire to do justice;
in Jesus name. Amen.***

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

With a love that surpasses knowledge,
Christ comes to us saying, "Trust in me. Do not be afraid."
Though we have nothing to offer but our broken selves,
he brings forth an abundance of mercy beyond our imagining.

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG [Oh Let the Son of God](#)

BIBLE READINGS

[2 Samuel 11:1-15](#)

[Ephesians 3:14-21](#)

[John 6:1-21](#)

SERMON [The abundance of God](#)

SONG [Here is Love](#)

OFFERING AND PRAYER

Creating and generous God, in gratitude for your faithfulness and generosity we bring our praise and our thanks; our lives and symbols of our daily living. By your Holy Spirit enable us to be responsible stewards and witnesses in this place; in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Generous Lord God, you have provided for us blessing upon blessing so that we might reach out with your love and grace touching other peoples' lives. Make us generous givers of our time, talent and financial resources so that your word might be spread to all ears eager to hear it. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. (2 Kings 4:42-44)

Glorious Sovereign, you created all people. The nations of the world are in your care. No one escapes your loving concern. Help us to find ways to live together in harmony. Raise up all who are bowed down; hear their cry and save them. Use us as instruments of your peace. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. (Psalm 145:10-19)

Loving Lord, every family on earth is within your embrace. Eager young ears yearn to hear words of love and grace from their parents. Children desire security and patience from those who care for them. Guide us to support families in this endeavour, no matter what the family configuration may be, so that your children may know they are loved and grow to praise you always. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. (Ephesians 3:14-21)

Gracious God, for many the sea of life becomes rough and strong winds seem to blow them off course. Speak to those who are afraid and bring them your peace. We pray for these friends and loved ones today:

This morning, we pray especially for...

Walk with them and calm their fears. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. (John 6:1-21) Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION SONG [Feed Us Now](#)

SONG [Our God \(Water you Turned into Wine\)](#)

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Go out into the world.
Seek God, and the wisdom of God.
Hide yourself from the corruptions of power and adulation.
Entrust whatever you have to Christ
for with him, there will always be more than enough.

And may the grace...

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It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for we are overwhelmed
by the length and breadth, height and depth
of your mysteries, your glory, and your love for us in Christ.

You brought forth the earth and the heavens,
and from tiny fragments you created a rich abundance
to nurture and strengthen all who look to your hand.
You have given yourself generously to your people,
despite their eagerness to crown every new hero
and corrupt themselves before idols
of wealth, sex and power.

In your Son, Jesus,
you have given us the saviour we longed for.
Though he was crucified by the corrupt,
you raised him to life and he comes to us again,
striding over chaos and death,
dispelling our fears with a love beyond comprehension,
strengthening us in our inner beings,
and bringing us safely to the land of our destiny.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION