

ORDER OF SERVICE
15 August 2021
Pentecost 12

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	Sing to God with joy and gladness	TIS 92/CCLI 1080688	
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 P&W 681/SCE 290/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	This is the air I breathe	SOF 1562/CCLI 1874117	
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	1 Kings 2: 10-12, 3: 3-14; Ephesians 5: 15-20; John 6: 51-58		Kel Dakuna
Message	<i>Wise and Spirit-filled Living</i>		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	I will run to you	P&W 802/SCE[2] 1093/CCLI 1959901	
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	Here is bread	SCE 163/CCLI 983717	
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	Lord reign in me (over all the earth)	SCE[2]936/CCLI 2490706	
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song	Lord reign in me (over all the earth)	SCE[2]936/CCLI 2490706	

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith
Bible Reader	Kel Dakuna
Song Selector	Allan Smith
Piano	Nicky Rippingale
Backup Singers	Kel & Joy
Additional Music	
Sound System	
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 *(based on Ephesians 5:15-20)*

Let us make the most of the time we have been given.

Fill us with the Spirit, O Lord!

Let us sing praises to our Creator!

We will give thanks to the Almighty now and at all times.

Praise the Lord!

Together, let us worship God!

Let us worship God.

SONG [Sing to God with joy and gladness](#)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious and ever-loving God, your presence gives us strength for each day, your compassion brightens our every moment and your word provides us with the guidance we need. Lord, help us at this time to focus on the love you have revealed. Send your Spirit upon us and fill our minds with thoughts of your goodness and our hearts with joy and thanksgiving that we may truly praise your most holy name and show forth your light to all those whom we encounter this day - and in all the days to come. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

[Jesus-lover of my soul](#)

PRAYER OF ADORATION *(Psalm 111)*

Praise the LORD!

Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to you, O God, with all my heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are your works O LORD,

and your covenant faithfulness endures forever.

You have caused your wonderful deeds to be proclaimed;
and you provide food for those who regard you with holy awe;

you will remember your covenant for ever.

You declare to your people the power of your works,
giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of your hands are lasting kindness and justice;
all your commandments are dependable.

They are unshakeable for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

You sent redemption to your people;
and commanded your covenant be kept forever.

Holy and awesome is your name.

To hold you in holy awe is the beginning of wisdom;

all those living this way have good insight

Your praise continues forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We try to be so careful, Faithful God, yet we make so many mistakes. We think we are so wise, yet do not understand the simple wonder of a child. We spend so little time in your presence, and ask why we do not know your dreams for us. We long to be good, upright people, but find our hearts tripping over the temptations of the world.

Have mercy, Covenant Keeper, and be gracious to us. As you continue to teach us of your hopes, your dreams, your love for us, may we practice what we learn, as we follow our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, in faith. In whose name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord is gracious and merciful
and comes to us to redeem us.
Christ Jesus offers himself to us, forgiving our sins
and promising to raise us to life on the last day.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
be at peace, for your sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG [This is the air I breathe](#)

BIBLE READINGS

[1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14](#)

[Ephesians 5:15-20](#)

[John 6:51-58](#)

SERMON [Wise and Spirit-filled living](#)

SONG [I will run to you](#)

OFFERING AND PRAYER

God of abundance and love,
may our lives and these symbols of our living
be a fragrant offering.
By your Holy Spirit,
enable us to live
in imitation of your faithful love and generosity.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The time that you give to us, each one of us, is precious time O God. In it we find a taste of the eternal - in it we are able to feast upon your bounty and drink from the spring of everlasting life. We thank you, Lord, for this, and we pray at this time that we might be people who have a heart of wisdom, people who fill themselves each day with the food you prepared.

Help us be mindful, O God, of the shortness of the time we have upon this earth and to so live in your presence that we might be found righteous before you. Grace our hands with kindness, our hearts with compassion, our minds with goodness, and our wills with a holy resolve. Make us instruments of your salvation and channels of your peace.

We pray, O God, for others around us - that your wisdom may touch them - and that they too may eat of the bread that satisfies and drink the drink which truly quenches the thirst. We pray for the awakening of those whose days pass in self-serving preoccupations, for those who are frustrated by their own frantic business and know not why they are unhappy, we remember before you those whom we know who are lost, and those who are lonely.

We pray, O God, for those who cannot sing to you at this time - those who struggling with grief or with pain or with the injustices done to them by their brothers and sisters. Give them hope and a cause to rejoice.

Bless finally, we pray, all those we have names aloud and in our hearts - those of our community, our family, and our church who are in need.

This morning we pray especially for...

We pray and we give you thanks and praise, O God, in the name of Jesus, the one who came to us, and who even now walks with us on our journey. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION SONG [Here is bread](#)

SONG [Lord reign in me \(over all the earth\)](#)

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Go out, nourished by the bread of heaven,
and take care to walk in the ways of wisdom.
Discern carefully between right and wrong.
Understand what the will of the Lord is.
Feed on Christ and be filled with the Spirit.

And may the grace...

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It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
in the company of those who live with integrity,
for you have given yourself to us as flesh and blood
and become the bread that nourishes us for eternal life.

Your righteousness was established before time began
and all you have created reflects your honour and majesty.
You made a covenant with your people
and gave yourself generously to all
who seek your wisdom and walk in your ways.

In your great and steadfast love,
you have come to redeem your people,
offering us life in your Son, Jesus.

Though his blood was poured out
and his flesh sent to the grave,
you raised him up to new life,
and now he offers himself to us
as the bread of heaven,
so that all who eat and drink of him
might live forever as one with him.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank You, God of our hearts,
For this meal and the love it expresses;
For Your sacrifice and the intimacy with You that it brings;
For Your commitment to reconcile the world to Yourself.

**We have shared the bread and the wine,
We have experienced the love and compassion of God,
And we have remembered the mission of Jesus,
which we are called to continue;**

May Your love, Your friendship and Your undeserved
acceptance fill us, change us and inspire us
That the world may grow into a place
where all of God's children know they have found a home For
all eternity. Amen.

WORD OF MISSION AND BLESSING