

ORDER OF SERVICE
5 September 2021
Pentecost 15

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	Christ be our Light	ATO 313	Fiona Binney
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	Open the eyes of my heart What the Lord has done in me	P&W 848 / SCE 926/ CCLI#2298355 SCE 862/ CCLI#2582803	Fiona Binney
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	Beauty for brokenness [God of the Poor]	TIS 690 / SCE 37/ CCLI#1236690	Fiona Binney
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125 James 2: 1-17; Mark 7: 24-37		Ian McKay
Message	<i>The Security of God's People</i>		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	I'm so secure (in your hands)	SCE 221/ CCLI#1935925	Fiona Binney
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith	We Believe in God		
Offering Dedication			
Notices & Concerns of the Church			Rev Allan Smith
Prayers of the People			Rev Allan Smith
Communion Song	Feed Us Now	TIS 538/CCLI#55360	Fiona Binney
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	Like a River Glorious	SCE 866/ CCLI#4217475	Fiona Binney
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song	Like a River Glorious	SCE 866/ CCLI#4217475	Fiona Binney

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith
Bible Reader	Ian McKay
Song Selector	Fiona Binney
Piano	Mark Dennis
Backup Singers	Joy Duffield & Kel Dakuna
Additional Music	Craig Binney
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 *(from Psalm 125)*

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
they are like Mount Zion which is immovable, abiding for ever.
Jerusalem has mountains surrounding it,
and the LORD God surrounds God's people even now, and for all time.
God of the unexpected moment,
you have gathered us by your Spirit
to serve us and renew us, and surround us.
**Break in on our world like hearing to the deaf,
sight to the blind, speech to the dumb;
come in your unexpected hour.**
Bring form to our chaos, light to our darkness,
and life to our hearts.
**Fill us with your expectant Spirit:
and so transform our gathering to your glory,
and perfect our worship for your praise. Amen.**

Let us worship God

SONG [Christ be our Light](#)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving God - on this new day we give you thanks for being able to gather in this place to worship you and to call on your name. We praise you for the fellowship you have made us part of, for the Spirit that you have poured out richly upon us, for the living Christ who walks with us on our path, and for the hope that you have given us through his life, his death, and his resurrection. Bless, we pray, this time of worship that it may put a mark upon our hearts and result in greater glory and praise being given to you and greater love, joy, and peace in our world. We ask it in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

SONGS [Open the eyes of my heart](#)

[What the Lord has done](#)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God surrounded by glory:
you notice the people we walk past,
and journey with them, wherever they are going.
You speak out for the voiceless, and open our ears to their cries.

Jesus, Healer of the hopeless,
Converser with the outsider:
in you, faith and works skip hand in hand down the streets of the kingdom.
In you, the have-a-lots and the have-nothings find themselves sitting side by side
at your Table, passing grace to one another.
In you, those with good names, and those with no names,
are called by one name: 'Beloved.'

Compassion's Spirit:

sow justice in our hearts, so the poor might find in us a friend;
sow peace in our spirits, so the angry might find in us a sea of gentleness;
sow generosity in our hands, so the hungry might find in us their daily bread.

God in Community, Holy in One, surround us in these moments and in all the ones to come, with your grace and love, as we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, Christ and Spirit, we come to you, knowing in your wholeness there is nothing that can set us apart. We confess our sins, our greed and our desire that puts ourselves first, and we ask not only for forgiveness, but for help in living out your ways.

Call us away from the desire of the world, to model our desire after you. Help us to hear our brothers and sisters in need, to extend our hands as your hands, to bring hope and healing. Guide our feet into the ways of peace, that we might stand up against injustice in nonviolent ways. Keep our hearts close to you, Loving God, and remind us that we are yours. In the name of the Triune God, may our relationships become whole as yours. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

When we fail to keep even one point of God's law,
we become accountable for all of it,
but God's mercy triumphs over judgment,
setting us free and giving us a faith that is active for good.

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

SONG [Beauty for brokenness \[God of the Poor\]](#)

BIBLE READINGS

[Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23](#)

[Psalm 125](#)

[James 2:1-10, \(11-13\),14-17](#)

[Mark 7:24-37](#)

SERMON [*The security of God's people*](#)

SONG [I'm so secure \(in your hands\)](#)

OFFERING AND PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, we offer these gifts and our lives as signs that our faith is expressed not in words alone, but in deeds - deeds performed in the name and for the sake of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Strong God of all lands, raise up wise rulers in all nations. Give courage to those who live in fear. Open the eyes of blind rulers and help them to hear the voices of their citizens crying for justice and mercy. For you have created all people to live in love. (Isaiah 35:4-7a)

Mighty Helper, God of Jacob, you are the hope of all people. You have made heaven and earth, ordered justice for the oppressed, fed the hungry and set prisoners free. Be present with all who are captive to addictions, with all who are abused, with all who are unemployed, hungry or homeless. Teach us to share your love with them by sharing all we have. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. (Psalm 146)

God of mercy, open our eyes to the daily prejudices we practice. Help us to overcome our fears of people who are different from us. You show no partiality; your salvation is for all people. You have chosen to love all people as heirs of your kingdom. Challenge us to demonstrate our faith through our loving actions. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. (James 2:1-17)

Great Healer, you sent your Son to love all people, to heal the sick and to open our minds to all your possibilities. Send your healing touch on these loved ones who need your special care...

This morning, we pray especially for...

You do everything well, making the deaf to hear and bringing speech to silent witnesses. Open our mouths to tell of your love. (Mark 7:24-37)

Great Redeemer, console all who mourn.

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

We believe in God

We believe in God, sovereign in grace and love,
maker of all things.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God,
the firstborn of a new creation.

We believe in God's eternal Spirit,
pledge and foretaste of the future,
given that we may not lose the way,
who has endowed us with a diversity of gifts.

We are a pilgrim people
on the way to the promised goal.

On this way,
we are called to live and work within the faith and unity
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

In this unity,
we offer our worship, witness and service
and receive one another in love and joy.

We are being led to the free obedience
of the children of God,
and so we look with yearning and hope
to the final reconciliation of humanity with God,
and the renewal of all creation.
Alleluia. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION SONG Feed Us Now

SONG [Like a river glorious](#)

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

Go now, and invest your lives in the works of faith.
Make a name for yourselves for generosity and compassion.
Fulfil God's holy law
by putting love into action as eagerly for others
as you would for yourselves.

And may the grace...

HOLY COMMUNION: Pentecost 15 Year B

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for you embrace your people now and forever
and promise the Kingdom to all who love you.

The universe came into existence at your command
and rich and poor alike have you as their maker.
Through Moses you taught your people
to provide for the welfare of those in need,
and through the prophets you thundered against our injustice
and called for repentance in word and deed.

In your son, Jesus Christ,
your love and healing mercy
reached beyond the bounds of our prejudice
and demonstrated your compassion
for all who are needy, afflicted or vulnerable.

Though he was killed by those who sow injustice,
you raised him to new life
that he might sow in us the seeds of faith,
filling our communities with love and justice
and bringing forth a rich harvest of good works.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Saving God,
in your Son Jesus Christ you have chosen
what is poor and weak in this world
to be rich in faith and love
and to be heirs to your kingdom.
He has done all things well.
Speak through us who were once
faint-hearted and tongue-tied,
deeds of mercy and hope,
for you have healed and freed us all
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION