

ORDER OF SERVICE
Aug 13, 2017

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord!

All: We will tell everyone we meet what God has done!

One: Sing songs of praise to the Lord!

All: We will honour God's holy name with Hallelujahs!

One: Keep your eyes open for God.

All: We will watch for God's works and remember the world of wonders God has made

OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE: MV 59
Alleluia Praise to God

OPENING PRAYER

L: Surprising and mysterious God, you come to us when we least expect it, calling us out of the safety of our habits and plans and inviting us to follow Christ on a great journey of faith. We sing praises to your name for the many ways you comfort and guide us. In our moments of fear, you come to us with words of reassurance. In our moments of doubt, you reach out your hand to save us. In our moments of turmoil, you bring calm to the storm. We place our trust in you and worship you as our redeemer and Saviour.

P: We confess that although we have experienced your saving grace, we continue to live in fear and doubt. You

call us to a life of courage and perseverance, yet we give up too easily and opt for the safer route. You encourage us to be bold in our faith and to be steadfast in our fight for justice, yet we remain silent and inert in the face of inequity and violence. You instruct us to live by faith, yet we focus on the security of material things. Help us to discover how our lives can be renewed through you. In the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PSALM 46 (VU 770 - read alternately)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN VU 585
Jesus Bids Us Shine
(Children are invited to come forward)

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Let us present our tithes and offering according to the blessing that we have received.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN VU376 Spirit of the Living God

OFFERTORY DEDICATION

L: We thank you O Lord for sources of income, for the strength to do our passion and earn a living. Receive this offering for the sake of those who have no source, have not strength and do not earn. Guide us as we seek to faithfully use it to continue your ministry in this community. AMEN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - VU374
Come And Find a Quiet Centre (1-2)

L: God of all people, your love and grace surround the world and all who live in it. When we foolishly set up distinctions and walls between people, you tear them down and draw us into one family, united in Christ. We come before you with prayers for the world.

P: God of the astonishing, you surprise us. You come to us in unforeseen circumstances and in unexpected people. We pray that all who are stuck in the routine of everyday life or who have become disenchanted with the world, are reminded of the newness you offer to us each day.

L: God of peace, you reassure us. You remind us not to be afraid in our moments of uncertainty. We pray for all people who live in precarious situations or experience anxiety and depression. May they know your peace and your calm.

P: God of safety, you save us. You come to us when living becomes hard and we are consumed by fear. We pray for the safety of all people. May all corners of globe know justice and peace and each person find a place to call home.

L: And now hear our prayers for situations near and dear to our hearts. My prayer is
ALL: We place our trust in you and ask you to answer our prayers in Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 14:22-33

HYMN VU 675 Will Your Anchor Hold (v1-2)

REFLECTION – “Handling a Hurricane”

CLOSING HYMN – VU556 Would You Bless Our Homes and Families (v2, 4)

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

L: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

CHORAL BLESSING – Go Now in Peace

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

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