

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**July 2, 2017**

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

One: The church lives to praise God. We have no higher calling than to offer the worship that belongs to God day by day, Sunday by Sunday. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be! God is love.

**OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE:** VU333 Love Divine All Love Excelling

**OPENING PRAYER**

Lord God, how majestic is your name in all the earth. From north and south, from east and west, drawn by your majesty, we come to worship you, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. For the gift of this new day, we rejoice; for the renewal we discover in your friendship, we praise you; For the experiences you place before us, we give gratitude; For the moments we awaken to the blessings around us, we offer thanks.

As we turn to you with praise, we also remember the times we have fallen short. Forgive us for the shallowness of our worship and the weakness of our praise; for forgetting that life is a gift, both in our moments of struggle and in our moments of joy; for ignoring the value of each person, both those closest to us and those whom we barely know; for the pain we have caused others and ourselves.

May your healing love, which alone is able to redeem and heal, remove all barriers to experiencing your love and sharing that love with others. Open us to the adventure you have planned for us as we discern your intentions for our lives. May offer ourselves to you in hope, wonder and praise. Hear our prayers through our Lord Jesus Christ who taught us to pray saying:

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, Who art in heaven  
Hallowed be Thy Name;  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

**PSALM 1 (read alternately)**

**CELEBRATING LIFE EVENTS**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** MV 122 This is the Day  
*(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** VU291 All Things Bright and Beautiful (1, 5, Refrain)

**OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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 use it to continue your ministry here. AMEN

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** - VU612 There Is a Balm in Gilead (v1 and chorus)  
Lord God of heaven and earth, with joy and thanksgiving we praise you for you create, sustain, and redeem all things. For making us in your image to love one another and to care for your creation, we give you thanks.

For the gift of your Son who redeems and guides us; with thanksgiving we praise you for you create, sustain, and redeem all things. For making us in your image to love one another and to care for your creation, we give you thanks.

By your Spirit, strengthen us to show your love to others as we pray for the church and those who lead in it . . .  
creation that we may learn to reverence and care for it those who rule in the nations of the world . .

those who serve as teachers, healers and caregivers .

the poor, the homeless, the hungry . . .

those who mourn and are alone . . .

those imprisoned for defending truth or justice . .

the powerless and the oppressed in all places . .

those who are persecuted because of their skin colour, background, sex, age, place of birth, orientation or because they are in the service of Christ

Hear us now as we pray for those situations that are near and dear to our hearts. My prayer is...  
*Silence*

God eternal, keep us in communion with your people of all times and in all places that we may serve you faithfully until your will is done on earth as it is in heaven. **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Galatians 5:22-26  
Colossians 1:9-11  
John 15:1-2, 4-5, 8, 16  
Matthew 7:15-20

**HYMN** VU413 Behold the God that I Love (v1 & refrain)

**REFLECTION** – Fruit For All Seasons – Part I

**CLOSING HYMN** - VU506 Take My Life And Let It Be

**COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING**

May you be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup> so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light."

**CHORAL BLESSING** - Go now in peace

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE**

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