



**PENTECOST 4 yr C 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022**

**Leader: Alison Burnett / Greeter: Mehry**

**Welcome:**

Today is the fourth Sunday after Pentecost . We welcome Rev Charissa Suli, president elect UCA.

***Greeting:***

May the light of the Lord be with you

**And also with you**

***Moment of Stillness:***

As we begin our service, let's take a moment to be still and aware of God's presence within and all around us.

***Christ Candle:***

In this season of Light,  
we light this candle to remind us of God's light shining in the darkness.  
May we carry this light of hope, peace, and justice  
to the world around us every day.

***Acknowledgement First Peoples:***

As we gather to worship God, we acknowledge the sovereign First Peoples of this country on which we gather today; the Gadigal and Wangal people. And we pay our respects to their Elders past and present, together with all descendants.

**We commit ourselves to support Voice, Treaty, Truth – justice for First Nations Peoples.**

***Call to Worship:***

Sing praises to our Lord:  
who heals us and makes us whole.  
Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God:  
whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.  
Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God;  
give thanks to God's holy name:  
God's Kingdom is near to us;  
God's peace resides in our hearts.

***Opening Prayer:***

Come, O Spirit of God  
And make within us your dwelling place and home.  
May our darkness be dispelled by your light,  
And our troubles calmed by your peace;  
May all evils be redeemed by your love,  
All pain transformed through the suffering of Christ,  
And all dying glorified by his risen life.

**Amen**

**Song: Go Forth in His Name (We are his children)**

1. We are His children, the fruit of his suffering  
Saved and redeemed by his blood  
Called to be holy, a light to the nations  
Clothed with his power  
Filled with his love

(Ch) Go forth in his name, proclaiming "Jesus reigns!"  
Now is the time for the church to arise  
And proclaim him "Jesus, Saviour, Redeemer and Lord" (repeat)

2.Countless the souls that are stumbling in darkness  
Why do we sleep in the light?  
Jesus commands us to go make disciples  
This is our cause  
This is the fight

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Now is the time for the church to arise  
And proclaim him "Jesus, Saviour, Redeemer and Lord" (repeat)  
Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord

3. Listen the wind of the Spirit is blowing  
The end of the age is so near  
Pow'rs in the earth and the heavens are shaking  
Jesus our Lord  
Soon shall appear!

### **Song: Great and Loving God**

Chorus  
Great and loving God  
I love You  
I kneel (fall) before Your throne  
Glory unto You You rescued me  
And made me Your own

(REPEAT)

Verse  
You reached with arms of tenderness  
You've drawn me to Your heart  
You purchased me adopted me  
You rescued me and made me Your own

Bridge  
When I was lost and away  
You came and You found me  
Now I am safe in Your arms  
You made me Your child

Ending  
Yes You rescued me  
And made me Your own

***Prayer of Confession:***

O God, we know that Jesus sent out his disciples without purse, luggage, or sandals. All too often, we find ourselves clinging to possessions we don't need, looking for safety by avoiding risk, and bearing heavy burdens that slow us down. Forgive us for our reluctance to travel lightly and heal us of our pain and guilt.

**Amen**

***Words of assurance:***

There is no pain that God cannot heal.  
There is no wrong that God cannot forgive.  
Come, immerse yourselves in the healing waters of God's forgiveness.  
Come and be restored. Let God make you whole.  
You are forgiven, thanks be to God!

**Amen**

***Peace:***

May the peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

Let's share Christ's peace with one another.

**Song: TIS 454 - Worship the Lord**

1 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim.  
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness  
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.

4 These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
he will accept for the name that is dear,  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,

trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

5 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,  
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.

***Moment for the young at heart: Tonia- Elmer the Elephant***

***Bible Readings: John Read***

**2 Kings 5:1-14**

**Naaman Healed of Leprosy**

5 Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.

2 Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. 3 She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

4 Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. 5 "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents[b] of silver, six thousand shekels[c] of gold and ten sets of clothing. 6 The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy."

7 As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!"

8 When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel." 9 So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. 10 Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash

yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored, and you will be cleansed.”

11 But Naaman went away angry and said, “I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn’t I wash in them and be cleansed?” So he turned and went off in a rage.

13 Naaman’s servants went to him and said, “My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, ‘Wash and be cleansed!’” 14 So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

### **Luke 10:1-11**

#### **The Mission of the Seventy-Two**

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two[a] others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. 2 He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. 3 Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ 6 And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. 7 Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. 8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; 9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’[b] 10 But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 11 ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’[c]

### **Luke 10:16-20**

16 “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

### **The Return of the Seventy-Two**

17 The seventy-two[a] returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” 18 He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. 19 Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

### **Hear the Word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

**Reflection: Rev Charissa Suli**

**Moment of Stillness**

**Prayers of the People: Jen Richardson**

**The Lord’s Prayer:**

**Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be your name.  
your kingdom come  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread  
forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us in the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours.  
Now and forever.  
Amen**

**The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper: Rev Charissa Suli**

### Invitation

This is the table, not of the Church, but of Jesus. It is to be made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more.

So, come, you who are hungry for God's love.

Come, you who are yearning the Christ's presence.

Come, you who want community; know that you are welcome here.

Come, not because it is I who invite you: it is Jesus. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here in the place where the ordinary things like bread and wine and we are made extraordinary by the Grace of God.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise for Jesus the Light of the world, the light that no darkness can overpower, and we thank you that you have called us from darkness to walk in the light;

And so we praise you with the faithful of every time and place, joining with choirs of angels and the whole creation in the eternal hymn:

**Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Accept our praises now, loving God, as we remember Jesus, who, on the night before he died, took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, and offered it to his friends saying:

This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying:

Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for everyone for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, for the remembrance of me.

**Come freshly to us now, present God, as we offer you our lives, renew in us your gifts; feed us and nourish us, that we may grow in**

**the life of Christ; fill us with your Spirit that we may overflow with your love, and transform the world with your glory.**

Prayer of consecration

For us you were born, for us you healed, preached, taught and showed the way of your kingdom; for us you were crucified, and for us, after death, you rose again.

As we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room, send down your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine that they may become for us your body, healing, forgiving and making us whole; and that we may become, for you, your body, loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes.

**Amen.**

The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ  
The cup that we take is a sharing in the blood of Christ  
The gifts of God for the people of God.

Jesus welcomes everyone to his table, and so, we offer everyone, without exception, the bread and wine, which are Christ's body and blood.

Distribution

Let us receive what we are; let us become what we receive.

**The body of Christ.**

Concluding prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours.  
Fed and nurtured at this table we continue to be your presence in this world. Touched by your love we take it to share with each person we encounter, until everyone knows they are loved by you, and in turn loves one another.

**Amen**

***Giving thanks:***

Community News: The congregation share good news

***Offering Prayer:***

Merciful God, the gifts we bring are so small in comparison to the vast needs in our world. Yet we have brought what we can.

We pray our gifts would be used to extend your kingdom in our land.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

**Amen.**

**Song: TIS 409 - O breath of Life, come sweeping through us**

1 O breath of life, come sweeping through us,  
revive your church with life and power;  
O breath of life, come cleanse, renew us,  
and fit your church to meet this hour.

2 O wind of God, come bend us, break us,  
till humbly we confess our need;  
then in your tenderness remake us,  
revive, restore: for this we plead.

3 O breath of love, come breathe within us,  
renewing thought and will and heart;  
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,  
revive your church in every part.

4 Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating  
while harvest fields are vast and white?  
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,  
equip your church to spread the light.

***Benediction & Blessing:***

And may God's powerful blessing uphold you.

May Christ Jesus touch you and make you whole.

And may the Holy Spirit dance with you in the joy of life.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

**Threefold Amen**

***Pastoral Prayers: Kim***