



Pentecost 4 Yr A 25th June 2023

Psalm 86: 1-12, 16-17.

Greeter: *Mehry*

Meditation Song: Prayer for Peace
(please remain seated)

**1. Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.**

**2. Love before us, love behind us, love under our feet.
Love within us, love over us, let all around us be love.**

**3. Light before us, light behind us, light under our feet.
Light within us, light over us, let all around us be light.**

**4. Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet.
Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ.**

5. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**6. Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace**

Welcome:

Greeting:

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Moment of Stillness:

Let's take a moment to be still and aware of the God's presence within and all around us.

Christ Candle:

We light this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ, which is always present,
which shines in each one of us.

Acknowledgement of Country:

Today, as we gather to worship God, we acknowledge that we stand on the land of the Gadigal and Wangal people, the first inhabitants of this place from time beyond remembering.

We acknowledge that through this land, God nurtured and sustained the First Peoples of this country.

We honour them for their custodianship of the land on which we gather today.

We acknowledge that the Spirit was already in the land, revealing God to the people through law, custom and ceremony.

We commit ourselves to justice and reconciliation in this land.

Call to Worship:

Jesus said that whoever welcomes one of his followers,
welcomes Jesus himself.

Welcome to our worship.

Whoever welcomes Jesus, also welcomes God.

Welcome to our worship.

Whoever offers even a cup of cold water to one of God's children will be blessed by God.

All are welcome here!

Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer:

Almighty God,
as we gather in this place to worship you,
we know that all across the globe,
men and women, children and youths, gather as well to be your church
in all times, in all places, in all languages, in all cultures.

Pour out your Spirit upon your church universal,
that all who gather in your name and all who praise you
may feel your presence, know your will,
and have the courage to do what you are calling us to do.
We pray in the name of the One God.

Amen.

Song: We are called

***1. Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom
To live in the freedom of the city of God!***

***[Chorus]
We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God***

***2. Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So all hatred and blindness will be no more!***

***[Chorus]
We are called to act with justice***

***We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God***

***3.Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love!***

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ,
We call you Lord,
Yet it is too easy for us to worship other things.
Other activities, other relationships, other gods.

You tell us we cannot serve two masters,
Yet we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere,
Diverting our time, our energy, our money, our attention away from you.

Forgive us, gracious Saviour,
When our hearts are led astray
When we serve other gods and worship them.

We turn away from our distractions and sin.
Strengthen us to set our faces toward Jerusalem,
To take up our cross and follow you.

We pray this, counting on your grace.

Amen

Words of Assurance:

Be assured that God hears us
and God's love for us never ends.

Hear Christ's words of grace to us:
'Your sins are forgiven'.

Thanks be to God

Peace:

May the peace of the Christ be always with you
And also with you.

Let's share Christ's peace from where we are seated.

Song: Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace

***Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you***

***Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness ever joy***

***Oh, master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul***

***Make me a channel of your peace
It isn't pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men let we receive
And in dying that we're born to turn around***

***Oh, master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul***

***Make me a channel of your peace
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And where there's sadness ever joy***

Moment for the young at heart: **Brian Lenehan**

Bible Reading: Roger Thompson

Psalm 86

A Prayer of David.

- 1** Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.
 - 2** Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God;
 - 3** be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.
 - 4** Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
 - 5** For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.
 - 6** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.
 - 7** In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.
 - 8** There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.
 - 9** All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.
 - 10** For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.
 - 11** Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
 - 12** I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.
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- 16** Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl.
 - 17** Show me a sign of your favour, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Matthew 10:24-39

24 "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; **25** it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! Whom to Fear **26** "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. **27** What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. **28** Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. **29** Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. **30** And even the hairs of

your head are all counted. 31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. 32 “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; 33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Not Peace, but a Sword 34 “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; 36 and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. 37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; 38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Hear the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Reflection: Dr Andrew Thornley

Moment of Stillness:

Prayers of the People: John Read

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**

Community News & Dates for your Diary

Prue & David have taken up positions as Safe Church Officers.

- 2nd July - Family Fun Church
- 10th July- Women's Dinner
- 15th July - Church Council (note date change)
- 22nd July- Campfire Night
- 23rd July - 10th Sept - Preaching Course
- 12th August - Walking Together: A Voice to Parliament

Mission Conversations: **Gretta Northey**

Offering Prayer:

As we faithfully give either online or in the plate for the life and mission of God's church in this place and in the world, let's pray our offering prayer.

Wondrous God of the universe who finds time to whisper your love to us:
we come to your altar with grateful hearts.

When you speak your love into our quiet moments, it is the most precious gift of all.

It is not a gift for us to hold and hide, but to proclaim from the rooftops!

May the gifts we offer to you this morning proclaim your love loudly to a world that often feels forgotten.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

Song: Lord of creation

*1. Lord of creation to you be all praise!
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.*

*2 Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfill.
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song,
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.*

**3 Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind;
enrich it with truths that express your design.
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your Word.**

**4 Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you impart:
your love to inspire me, your counsel to lead,
your presence to shield me, whatever my need.**

**5 Lord of all being, I give you my all,
for if I disown you, I stumble and fall;
but sworn in glad service your word to obey,
I walk in your freedom the rest of the way**

Benediction & Blessing:

Jesus called you as his follower,
he blesses you.
he empowers you in the Holy Spirit.
Now, Jesus sends you out to be his disciples in the world.
So go, to be welcomed by friend and stranger
knowing through you they welcome Christ himself

And the blessing of God Almighty.
Creator, Christ and Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always.

3-fold-Amen

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Offertory Prayer- Disciple ministries The United methodist Church

Benediction: Kirkyard -Susan Cord's Prayers and Reflections