

**Wesley Uniting Church, Forrest
Sunday October 24th, 2021
Pentecost 22B**

The Gathering of God's People

Organ Prelude

L'Orgue Mystique, Cycle après la Pentecôte, Op. 57: XXXXVIII "*Festum Omnium Sanctorum*":
II. Offertoire, by Charles Tournemire (1870-1939)

Welcome and Lighting the Community Candle

Call to Worship

Sing aloud with gladness:

God is gathering the people!

From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

all who struggle; all who labour with new life!

Those who are weeping, God will console;

those who get lost find a clear path home.

Let us worship the God who gathers us!

Hymn 189 Glory to our boundless God

1. Glory to our boundless God,
who has promised peace on earth.
God the Father, glorious, strong,
heaven's sovereign, Lord of all:
worship, thanks, and praise we
give when your glory we recall.

2. Let unceasing praise and prayer
come to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of God, incarnate Love,
Lamb who takes our sin away.
Risen and exalted Lord,
hear with mercy as we pray.

3. For in you alone we find
God's true holiness revealed:
you alone we claim as Lord,
Jesus Christ, through whom we see
God's own fullness manifest
in the Holy Trinity.

words: CP Daw (b. 1944)
tune: "Lucerna Laudoniae" by David Evans (1874 - 1948)

Prayer of Invocation

Prayer of Confession

Lord of love and mercy,
we worship you as the source of every good and perfect gift,
but we confess our gifts to you are less than perfect.
We honour you when it fits into our schedules,
not so much when we have other things to do.
We forget that your love should set our priorities,
and pursue our own desires instead.
**In your loving-kindness, forgive our wavering hearts
and reawaken our commitment to you.**
Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Peace

The Service of the Word

With the Children

Bible Readings

Old Testament: Job 42: 1 - 6, 10 - 17

Gospel: Mark 10: 46 - 52

Reader: In this is the Word of the Lord -

Response: **may we have eyes to see and ears to hear.**

Preaching

Our Response to God's Word

Hymn The church of Christ in every age

1. The Church of Christ in every age,
beset by change but Spirit led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

2. Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live until they die.

5. We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread Christ's liberating Word.

3. Then let the servant Church arise,
a caring Church that longs to be a
partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

4. For he alone, whose blood was
shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.

words: Fred Pratt Green ((1903 – 2000)
tune: "Wareham" by William Knapp (1698-1768)

Offering

We watch Zöe playing *Partita no.2 in D minor, Allemande*, by JS Bach.

Prayers of the People

Announcements

Sharing our Creative Work of Worship

Sent out to the World

Hymn 469 This is the truth we hold

1. This is the truth we hold,
source of the joy we share,
hope that can make us bold
trusting the name we bear:
that 'Christ has died' and 'Christ is risen,
in Christ shall all be made alive'.

2. This is the song of praise
echoing down the years,
true for the present days,
through all our doubts and fears:
that 'Christ has died' and 'Christ is risen,
in Christ shall all be made alive'.

3. Christ is the living bread,
Christ is the word we speak,
Christ is the way to tread,
Christ is the goal we seek;
for 'Christ has died' and 'Christ is risen,
in Christ shall all be made alive'.

4. One in the faith we share,
out in his name we go;
Jesus awaits us there,
longing that all should know
that 'Christ has died' and 'Christ is risen,
in Christ shall all be made alive'.

words: Basil E Bridge (b. 1927)

tune: "Little Cornard" by Martin Shaw (1875 – 1958)

Commissioning

As we prepare to head off along diverse walks of life,
Jesus says to us: "What do you want me to do for you?"
Get your answer right and you will never walk alone.

Benediction

The grace of Christ be yours wherever you go,
the love of God be yours whatever you do,
the friendship of the Spirit be yours whatever you have to face,
today and always.

Yes, today and always. Amen!

Liturgist – Graeme Brown
Preacher – Rev'd Dr Geoff Dornan
Children's Segment – Jules Wright
Vocal Soloist – Jade McFaul
Organist – Elijah Lim
Wesley Music Scholar – Zöe Loxley Slump, oboe
Bible Reader – Susan Akhurst
IT Operator – Simon Cowling



Wesley Uniting Church, Forrest

Ministers

Rev'd Dr Sarah Agnew

Rev'd Dr Geoff Dornan