

*Sending Forth:*¹

Go now, spirit-strengthened in God's dream.

Go, spirit-comforted that you matter and have a purpose.

Go, spirit-agitated and dare to see the way it is as not the way it has to be.

Go, spirit-motivated to build a better world.

Go, spirit-companioned to be the person and church you were meant to be.

Amen

Departing Music(Abe): Eternal Ruler of the Skies – Mozart

Sunday, 10 am –August 18, 2019

Thirteenth after Pentecost

* indicates stand as able

We Gather as a Community

Gathering Music (Abe): Adagio (from Violin Quartet Op 125 No 1) - Schubert

**Opening Hymn:* Called By Earth and Sky MV135

Lighting of Christ Candle:

Acolyte: Jeff Stoate

In Matthew 18, verse 20, we read:

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

With the lighting of this candle, we welcome the presence of Christ among us.

Welcome and Greeting/ The Life, Work and Mission of the Church

**Call to Gather:*²

We have awoken to a new day surrounded by God's beauty and abundance.

We come to worship this God.

We start a new week with endless, unfolding possibilities.

We embrace those possibilities knowing that Christ embraces them with us.

With the Spirit among us to give us the courage to act, we open ourselves to God's call to service.

Let us worship God.

¹ David Lander, Gathering Pentecost 1 2016, p42

² Catherine Tovell, Gathering Pentecost 1 2019, p34

*Opening Prayer:*³

O God, you have been with us in the past and you will guide us into the future. We give you thanks for the lives we have been given, with all of their blessings and challenges. We give you thanks for the life of this community of your people. We pray that we will be attentive to your call in the days and weeks and years to come, the sunny times and the stormy times. Help us to learn your ways and grow more faithful to you in all times Amen.

Time for the Young at Heart & the Prayer of Jesus Erin Berard

* *Hymn:* Draw the Circle Wide MV145

(Youth and Children may leave for programme)

We Listen for God's Word

*Prayer for Illumination (together)*⁴

God, the words you speak have power:

power to create,

power to disturb,

power to heal.

Help us to hear your Word for us today. Amen.

Psalm 84:1-2, 8-19 VU794-795 (Part Two)

(Abe plays the refrain once, then the congregation joins in)

The Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God!

Ministry of Music (Vernon Sulway): Hospitality – an old Scottish rune

– Anderson

Sermon: 'Fanning The Flame'

**Hymn:* My Soul Cries Out (Canticle of the Turning)

MV120

We Respond in Faith

Prayers of the People

Offering and Offertory Music: Colours of the Wind (Disney Pocahontas) – Menken/Schwartz

Have you ever heard the wolf cry to the blue corn moon,

Or asked the grinning bobcat why he grinned?

Can you sing with all the voices of the mountain?

Can you paint with all the colours of the wind?

**Presentation of Offering and Offertory Hymn:*

Grant Us, God, the Grace VU540

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,

With a spirit large and free,

That ourselves and all our living

We may offer faithfully.

*Offertory Prayer:*⁵

From the beauty of the world, we offer our humble gifts.

May they be used as a blessing unto others wherever need exists.

Amen.

We Depart in Peace

**Hymn:* O Beautiful Gaia MV41

³ Jean Leckie, Gathering Pentecost 1 2019, p40

⁴ Celebrate God's Presence

⁵ Brenda Duckworth, gathering Pentecost 1 2013, p33