

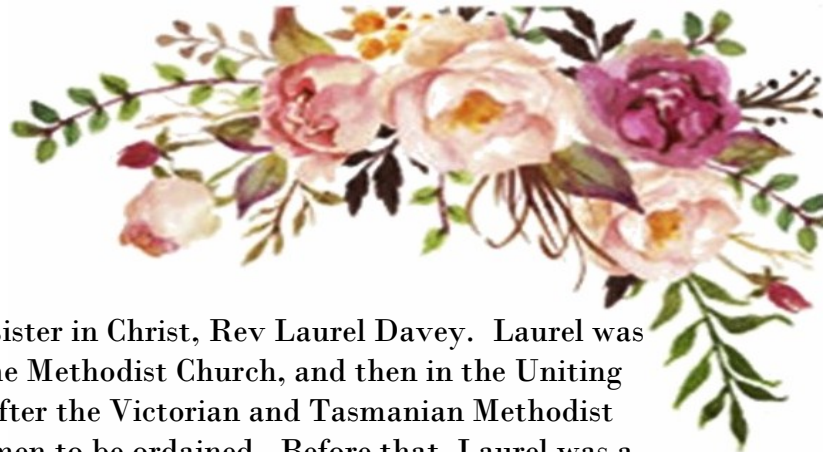


TALKING POINT

KNOWING JESUS CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This last week saw the passing of our sister in Christ, Rev Laurel Davey. Laurel was a pioneer woman minister, firstly in the Methodist Church, and then in the Uniting Church, being ordained in 1971 soon after the Victorian and Tasmanian Methodist Conference opened up the way for women to be ordained. Before that, Laurel was a Deaconess, appointed to Geelong in 1956 as a probationer. She also served in parishes at Newport, Moe-Yallourn, Essendon, Nyah District (Mallee), Donald, and Heytesbury (Timboon), and was twice Presbytery Chairperson. She moved to Traralgon in 1993 after retirement to be near her family, and has served faithfully in this parish including being one of the founders of the Fabric Art Group and one of the founders of the Friendship Club. Well done, good and faithful servant. Our sympathy is extended to her sister and brother in law, Nancy and John Allcorn, niece Glenda McPherson (and Peter) and their family, the family of her late niece Marilyn, and all of her many friends. Her funeral service was live streamed, and can be assessed through the Latrobe Valley Funeral Services website (or talk to Max Crisp). Please pray for her sister Nancy who is quite unwell.

It is unfortunate, that due to the current restrictions, not all her friends were able to attend her funeral service. This is a reality that we just have to deal with, but fortunately due to modern technology many of us can assess recordings. For those less technologically gifted, you are welcome to request a service sheet and/or a copy of the eulogy (through the church office). It can be delivered by our wonderful team of Talking Point distributors, whom we thank for their faithful service through these last couple of months. Blessings, Sandra

Contact details for Rev. Sandra Houghton are: sandrah@vic.australis.com.au ph 0428 649 243

Flu injections: All those visiting Nursing Homes and Hostels are now required to have had the flu immunisation this year. Before visiting you will have to prove this by presenting a certificate or letter from your doctor. So, when you have the flu injection be sure to request a certificate of immunisation.



Traralgon District Uniting Church

Incorporating: Traralgon, Glengarry & Rosedale.



Traralgon, Glengarry, and Rosedale Uniting churches Worship at Home

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 14th June 2020 Pentecost 5A

SONGS: [Here's my heart, Lord](#) – Casting Crowns
[I will trust in you](#) – Lauren Daigle

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come - you are called by God
Come - you are named by Christ
Come - you are sustained by the Spirit.

Come - with your whispers of love
Come - with your shouts of joy
Come - with your songs of hope and worship God

HYMN: TIS 210; [O for a thousand tongues](#) – [St Michael's singers](#)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION:

Great God, your love has called us here,
Great God, your grace has named us yours,
Great God, your mercy has brought us to this new day.

We come to worship you for you are
a loving God,
a gracious God,
a merciful God.

We come to worship you for you are
a God who calls,
a God who names,
a God who brings new beginnings.

Great God,
when we have closed our ears to your call
when we have been slow on the uptake
and when we have wondered what is in it for us
forgive us.

When we have assumed you would not want to name us as disciples,
when we have forgotten that you love each one of us so much that you know our names,
and when we have named others falsely, hiding our own faults behind our accusations
forgive us.

When we have turned away from your new beginnings,
when we have been afraid of new beginnings,
and when our words, actions and attitudes have denied new beginnings to others
forgive us.

Forgive us, call us, name us and give us a new beginning this day in the name of Christ our Lord



Thank You

We would like to thank Rev Sandra Houghton and members of the church for prayers, phone calls and cards on Peter's recent operation. He is now home and recovering. Thank you all so much, Peter and Lyn Day

This certain hope of being saved is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls,
connecting us with God himself. . . —Hebrews 6:19 (TLB)

Who taught us to pray saying:

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 from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-4,12-19 *paraphrased*

Out of love the LORD has heard my cry;
the LORD listened when I called,
therefore I will proclaim as long as I live.
What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,
I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.
Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of God's faithful ones.
O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the LORD.
I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people,
in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD!

SONG: [Thy word](#) – Amy Grant

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 18:1-15
& Genesis 21:1-7**

SONG: [Like a rock](#) – Linnea Goode

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 5: 1-8

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 9: 35-10:4

SERMON

HYMN: TIS 125; [The God of Abraham praise](#)



thank you!

To all our church friends -
Kath and Frank would like to thank you all for the many
messages of love and support during the period of Frank's

illnesses. We are so grateful that so many people prayed, phoned, called, sent cards and performed
various acts of kindness during this worrying time. Fortunately the corner has been turned and the
future looks promising.

A special mention must be made to the Rev. Sandra for her continuous support, love and prayers.
Looking forward to seeing you all back at church sometime in the future.

With love from the Doonans

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Dear God, in our ears rings the great call: "O come all ye faithful!"

And we long to be among those people, forever trusting and trustworthy,

Always following you in the way, even if it becomes the way of the cross.

In this humble part of your plan for the world, in our own community,

Raise us up in faith, strength and wisdom.

Meet our longing hearts wherever they are found, even as our feet have hardly stepped beyond the beginnings of the wonder of the journey with you.

As we wait expectantly for the gifts we need, these are our prayers for particular people and situations...

(Pray for those people and situations that are upon your hearts)

We pray for those isolated in nursing homes, for those who are sick and for those who are caring for them,

For those who are bereaved – including the family and friends of Laurel Davey.

We pray for those impacted by unemployment, and those with uncertain futures.

We pray for students and teachers in this time of transition back to classroom teaching,

And we pray for all impacted by racism, and those working to combat discrimination.

Stretch out your dream before our eyes, O God: that we might be inspired to act.

Go deeply into our lives with your power for good, Jesus Christ:

That we may move in ways beyond our expectations.

Cleanse our minds of cynicism and replace it with hope, Holy Spirit:

That we may show to the world that all is never lost. For we bring our prayers in faith. Amen.

SONG: [All my ways are known to you](#) – City Alight

BENEDICTION:

Called by name. Called by grace. Called by Jesus.

Go now to journey with faith, to heal with compassion, to speak with love.

Go now into the world and may the blessing of God the Father,

the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. Amen

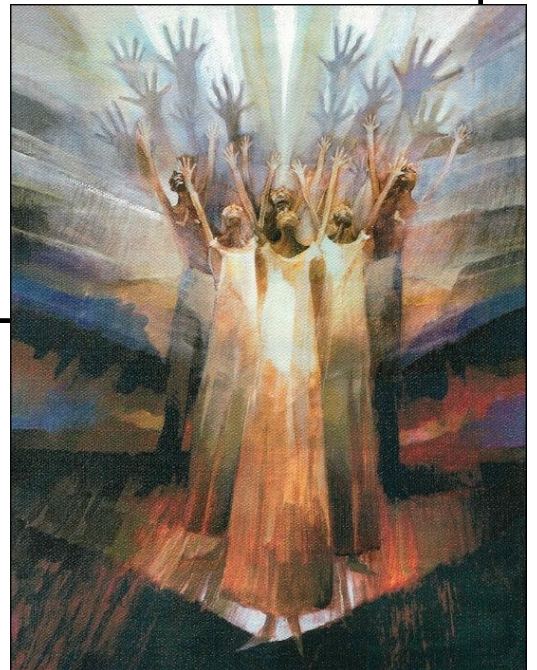
DOXOLOGY: [The Irish Blessing](#)

(Be thou my vision and The Blessing of St Patrick)

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It is no shame to suffer for being a Christian.
Praise God for the privilege of being in Christ's family
and being called by his wonderful name!

—1 Peter 4:16 (TLB)



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