



ALKING POINT

KNOWING JESUS CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

SUNDAY 20th September 2020

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Dear Friends,

This past week Rob and I planted up our spring vegie patch. My intention was to follow companion planting practices. So, the first day I put lots of different varieties of tomatoes alongside some parsley and some basil. I was already picturing the pesto dishes and all the colourful salads. Well day two arrived, and I was disheartened to find that something had been having quite a feast on my little garden. So, then I planted some marigolds.

All my best intentions went into planning the garden. I thought about what plants would enhance the growth of others, but I forgot to check what would keep the bugs away. Sometimes the church is known as a garden and we put a lot of effort into having the best intentions for our worship, our meetings, our mission and our fellowship.

In this new season of my ministry I am trying to be thoughtful on what our intentions are and also thoughtful in giving attention to what God is up to, in and around this ministry. As our COVID restrictions ease, I look forward to sharing the hospitality of Christ with each of you. Together we can pay attention to God's presence in our lives.

Yours in Christ, Kerry

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There is salvation in no one else!
Under all heaven there is no other name for men to call upon to save them.
—Acts 4:12 (TLB)



Traralgon District Uniting Church
Incorporating: Traralgon, Glengarry & Rosedale.



Traralgon, Glengarry, and Rosedale Uniting churches Worship at Home
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 13th September 2020

Songs:

[Vertical Worship – Word of God](#) (David Baldrige)

[There is Joy](#) – Art Aguilera (Brian Delacruz)

Call to Worship:

The world belongs to God,
The earth and all its people.
Love and peace come together,
Justice and peace join hands.
God's divine economy is generosity itself,
Grace and abundance on offer for all.
How good and how lovely it is
To live together in unity.

As we gather around God's economy of abundance; let us acknowledge the First Peoples of all the lands and waters we call Australia, all those who suffered under colonial irreverence; let us acknowledge specifically the Gunaikurnai Peoples of this region and offer our sincere regard to the Elders, past, present and emerging.

Hymn: [This is the Great Southland](#) (Geoff Bullock, Easy Worship Resources))

Prayers of Thanksgiving: Based on Psalm 105: 1-6

Divine mystery we name God,
in thanks we call on your name
for your works are wonderful.
We sing your praises and tell the world of your deeds;
we glory in your holy name
and in our seeking you, rejoice to the core of our being.
We seek you, Holy Presence;
we seek your strength and your presence continually.
We remember your wonderful works,
your miracles and judgements, and give thanks.
Holy is your name and presence, O God.



CRISIS IN SOUTH SUDAN

Ian Leversha

There seem to be many humanitarian crises in the world at this time, as well as the battles being fought against the Coronavirus. Africa is probably the most critical. Our congregations have developed a relationship with South Sudan through Rob and Tianne who have been working there and through our involvement with Lydiard Road Primary School who have quite a number of families from South Sudan.

UnitingWorld has sent us information about the critical hunger crisis in South Sudan, made much worse because of the impact of COVID-19. It is thought to be the worst humanitarian crisis South Sudan has faced, which means it must be really terrible. Water is scarce, there is no electricity supply and most jobs have disappeared.

The example of one man, Rev John Orr, from UnitingWorld's partner the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan, is told. His own family is scattered due to the crisis. He is working in Juba the capital, and with little money and without outside assistance there is little he can do. But he at least helps to feed a neighbour and her children.

Our gifts can help with water availability, food supply and creation of critical posters about COVID-19. Perhaps we could support as many as fifty families with our small gift. UnitingWorld's partner church can distribute our gifts widely across the country.

If you wish to make a gift, call 1800 998 122 or go to www.unitingworld.org.au/southsudancrisis.

Hymn: [There's a wideness in God's mercy](#) (TiS 136, Hymn Channel)

Prayer of Confession: Based on Psalm 105; 37-45

You have saved us, O God,
and given us riches beyond silver and gold.
Our oppressing and difficult past,
once glad to see the last of us because of your actions,
still tries to reclaim us.
You spread a cloud as covering,
and a light for our darkness.
We complain,
not seeing your goodness for our own selfishness.
We grumble,
but with heavenly bread you satisfy us.
You opened up the rock
and it became a spring of water, gushing up to a spring of eternal life,
flowing like a river through the dry land.
You remembered your sacred pact with Abraham,
you rescued your people, your chosen ones;
but sometimes in our singing and rejoicing
we celebrate ourselves rather than your great works.
You gave us a new start, made us conquerors,
and we have enjoyed the fruits of your Spirit.
LORD God, help us keep your law of love and justice
and to walk in your way. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness:

God is ever faithful and just, beyond our wildest imaginings.
Christ's word of grace is for all:
'We are forgiven and free.'
Thanks be to God.



You are cordially invited by the
UCA Presbytery of Gippsland

Pelican Ministry Team

and the
Bairnsdale Congregation
to celebrate the induction of the
Rev Rosalie Rayment-Hewitt

When: Saturday 19th September 2020

How: via YouTube

R.S.V.P. to sec.ucagipps@gmail.com
by 5pm Friday 18th September to receive a link

As this is a pre-recorded service, the YouTube link will not be available until Saturday morning but will be available for viewing at anytime, once received.

Uniting Church in Australia

**Presbytery of
Gippsland**



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of
this land and these waters and pay respect to
elders past, present and emerging.

Doxology: [Alleluia, alleluia](#) (TiS 390, Mark G)

Give thanks to the Risen Lord. Amen

Scripture Reading:

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Exodus 16:2-15; Matthew 20:1-16; Philippians 1: 21-30

In this we hear the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon [God's Economy](#)

Offering Hymn: [The Servant King](#) (TiS 256 Graham Kendrick)

Prayers of the People: Theresa Steyn

Gracious and generous God, Creator of all, we give thanks for the many blessings
you grant us each day.

We pray for the suffering of this world,
may your healing love embrace the pain of those in need.

Tend to those who grieve, comfort us in the silence of memories that haunt us.
Take our worries and brokenness and heal us as only you are able.

Reveal your compassion for those who feel forgotten or lost
and those who are in despair.

Encourage those who have to make tough decisions or take on new responsibilities.

Make yourself known, through us, to anybody around us, who do not yet know you.

Help us to never take you for granted. Increase our faith. Let us ever have confidence in your
power, wisdom and mercy.

Thank you for hearing us, most loving God.

Amen

Hymn: [Take My Life](#) (TiS 599, Micheal Neale, StrangeLyrics)

Benediction & Word of Mission:

Friends, Go, live life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ,
Stand firm in one spirit, and strive side by side with one mind, for faith.

May the love of God enfold you,
The wisdom of Christ enlighten you,
And the fire of the Spirit inflame you;
And may the blessings of the holy triune God
Rest upon you and abide with you,
Now and evermore. Amen

Hymn: [For the Fruits of all Creation](#) (TiS 168, First-Plymouth Church Lincoln Nebraska)

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