



ALKING POINT

KNOWING JESUS CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

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Dear Friends,

Five years ago, Rob and I took the opportunity to train for Interim Intentional Ministry (IIM). Rob had retired from his work in Primary Industries and I was lecturing part time at the Adelaide College of Divinity (Pastoral Care & Leadership). Since then I have worked in three short term ministry settings, each one had a focus on working towards the future that God is calling the church to. None of those settings were however specifically designated IIM placements.

In hindsight I think two of the three previous settings would have really benefited from being IIM placements. In IIM the transition process is clear, all parties (Presbytery, Congregation/agency & Minister) agree and sign a covenantal relationship document. This document is currently in its developmental phase. Regardless, the first part of the process is deep listening. I look forward to visiting with any groups that are becoming active as regional Victoria continues to open up. Please let me know what you have planned. Friends, your Church Council, your Gippsland Presbytery, and Rob and I, all want your ministries to faithfully reflect a vision of the life of Christ amongst you.

Yours in Christ, Kerry

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Out of his glorious, unlimited resources
he will give you the mighty inner strengthening of his Holy Spirit.

—Ephesians 3:16 (TLB)

HOME GROUP ZOOMS

While church in isolation continues for at least the next while, some of those who were meeting face to face in people's homes, as part of the Thursday Night Home Group, continue to meet via Zoom on the internet.

It happens on alternate Thursday nights at 7.30pm.

The group shares a prayer time, a "just for fun" zoom challenge, discusses our current bible focus and socially connects with some chat.

If interested in joining in, email the church office and request the invitation to zoom codes.

Interested in joining in a Zoom group but at a time other than Thursday?

Register your interest with the church office to help make it happen.



Traralgon District Uniting Church

Incorporating: Traralgon, Glengarry & Rosedale.



**Traralgon, Glengarry, and Rosedale Uniting churches Worship at Home
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 27th September 2020**

Songs: [Whatever Your Plan is](#) (Josie Buchanan – Bethel Church)
[Peace](#) (Hillsong Young & Free 2018)

Call to worship:

I pray that God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ will be kind to you and will bless you with peace!
(Phil 1:2)

God of mystery and love, unite us in our worship this morning
Unite us Lord as we gather separately to worship in this sacred time
God of liberation and justice, call us to your service into the unknown
Free us from all fear Lord as we continue our journey with you
God of presence and peace, help us to see you in our neighbour and to look with eyes of joy
Guide us Lord as we follow you into a new land, a new community, a new life together

Let us pray, Lord, this morning we may feel somewhat uncomfortable, change is beginning, and we don't always know what to expect, whether to engage in possibility or whether to hide from the demand of your hopeful future.

One thing has not changed we gather, at home, on Holy ground, and as we do we acknowledge the first peoples of this land, the GunaiKurnai, who for thousands of years have held the sacred presence of place in their story, song and care.

Lord, as we open ourselves to your sacred presence, we too are reminded that our ancestors come from distant lands and that our story, song and spirit is not tied to this one place alone but to your holiness wherever and however that presents itself.

Lord, as we sit in the silence and let your stillness and peace come over us all, again we put our trust and faith in your guidance and care.

As followers of Christ we pray, Amen.

Hymn: [Let us Build a House](#) (Hymn Channel)



You are warmly invited by the
UCA Presbytery of Gippsland

Pelican Ministry Team

and the congregation of
Lakes Entrance
to celebrate the induction of the
Rev Joedy Meers

**Friday 25th September 2020 at 7.30 pm.
via Zoom**

R.S.V.P. to gippspreszoom@gmail.com
by **5pm Thursday 24th September** to receive a zoom
link and order of service



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.



Prayers of Praise and Confession:

Eternal God

together in this region we
offer our praise and worship to you.
In this season of spring,
We are reminded of your constant creating
As New life springs forth all around us.

We give thanks for your faithfulness,
Your presence in our lives and in this community.
We give thanks for your spirit of joy
that rests with us as we grow together in faith and love.

As we offer praise for your love and care.
we are reminded of the times when we lack love and care
for you and for one another.

Commissioned to care for all creation
We often become careless and thoughtless.
Forgive us for the times our action or inaction
Has created turmoil for your glorious creation.

Called to love our neighbor as ourselves,
We often become critical or careless with one another.
And too often we fail to love ourselves forgetting our
creation in your image.
Forgive us when we fail to extend love to your children everywhere,
And when we fail to appreciate the goodness of ourselves.

Called more radically to love our enemies
We ask, how can we embrace our enemy
When we so often fail with our neighbor and ourselves?

Forgive us Lord, help us to accept your presence in all people
And to live as your children.

As we still our minds and our bodies
Let us reflect on the week,
And embrace the gift of forgiveness. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness:

It is written:

'As far as the east is from the west,
this far has God removed our sin from us.'
Jesus came preaching peace to those who are near,
and peace to those who are far off.
My friends we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

Doxology: [Praise, my Soul](#), (TiS 179, Christian Sermons & Audio Books)

In Ps. 78 Yahweh is praised, for grace in liberating the people from Egyptian bondage. In the time of the people's need, Yahweh's mercy sustained and supported them. The psalm teaches that Yahweh, is the bestower of grace and of redeeming love. Let's accept our solidarity with those early followers of God and enter the Psalm together.

[Psalm 78](#): (St Georges on-the-Hill)

Scripture: Exodus 17:1-7; Matthew 21: 23-32; Philippians 2:1-13.



Read the [Sermon](#): A Worshipping Community

Song: [May the Mind of Christ my Saviour](#) (Matt Beckingham)

Prayers of the People: Heather Boucher

Heavenly Father we come to you with our prayers for others. As we experience this pandemic, we know we are fortunate to live in a country where we have excellent health services. We pray for those people in countries where health services are not as advanced. Some countries have experienced huge numbers of people infected and many deaths. Be with families everywhere as they grieve for the loss of loved ones due to the pandemic. Be with us all, and help us not to lose hope that we will overcome this pandemic in time.

We pray for those in positions of responsibility in the health services, in decision making, in government and researchers as they work hard to find a vaccine. We pray for the police as they carry out their tasks in trying to get people to follow the advice of health officers. We know that many of these people must be frustrated with those who are rebelling against the restrictions.

We pray for the lonely, the isolated, for those who are experiencing hardship at this time. Comfort them so they may feel your reassurance and they are not alone.

We think of those countries which have suffered natural disasters such as landslides, floods and fires which has made life even more difficult. People throughout the world are suffering. May you bring them peace and hope and the strength to continue with their daily lives.

We pray for travellers over the school holidays. We pray for school children that they may enjoy their holidays and be refreshed and ready to start back at school for term four.

Loving God, hear our prayers. Amen

Hymn: [How Great Is Our God](#) (Chris Tomlin – SFCH Worship)

Blessing:

O God, we praise you for this life that we share, for the multitudes of women, men, young people and those not so young, who are seeking to be witnesses of peace, trust, and reconciliation throughout the world.

In the footsteps of your children from time immemorial to the believers of today, grant us to prepare ourselves inwardly, day after day, to place our trust in the mystery of faith, to continue the journey with you at the centre of all our life, and to go forth towards the promise you have given, life in all its fullness.

We go in peace,
Refreshed and renewed in the eternal love of God, to love and serve.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

I pray that our Lord Jesus Christ will be kind to you and will bless your life! (Phil 4:23)

Song: [We are companions on the journey](#) (Carey Landry)

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