



ALKING POINT

KNOWING JESUS CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

SUNDAY 18th October 2020

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Hi Friends,

It was encouraging to receive over 40 different names of people who you thought had the spiritual gifts to fulfill the role of the Transition Team. This seems like a sign of the depth of gifts that are present here in this Church. Sadly we have to limit the team to six people. Those six will be contacted soon to attend an information session, prior to our first official meeting. More news on this soon.

As previously mentioned a team of people got together to consider how we may continue to stay safe and also become more connected through social media and connection tools. The first meeting of the Tuesday night study group met via Zoom this week, they had a good number of people sharing pastorally and willing to connect via this tool.

While the Fabric Art group is still unable to meet in the church to continue their work, they are willing to share video clips and showcase the inspiration of their art to a wider audience. We are experimenting with social media platforms to share how this group 'knows Jesus and makes him known' through this ministry. If there are social media savvy people, or those interested in becoming more savvy, among us waiting to be invited in to learn and grow through social media ministry, please contact Kerry Pierce or Sue Scarlett. This is a learning journey for us all and you are welcome to come and test the waters and share your inspiration.

Finally I would like to thank the enthusiastic Worship Task Group who have committed to lead our church into the future. Special thanks to Peter Morris for leading us all in worship this week.

In Christ, Kerry

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NEW & RECYCLED OPPORTUNITES FOR FELLOWSHIP & FAITH FORMATION.

ZOOM in to Gordon's Tuesday night study & fellowship group, 7:30pm.

Re-starting Tuesday 13th October.

For Zoom invitation please email greg.samson@wideband.net.au

ZOOM in to Thursday Night Home Group, alternate weeks 7:30pm.

Next gathering is 15th October.

For Zoom invitation please email mckeown808@netspace.net.au

ZOOM in to Coffee, Cake and Conversations, with Kerry.

This is a new fellowship opportunity on Sundays, 3-5pm.

For Zoom invitation please email minister.tuca@gmail.com



Traralgon District Uniting Church

Incorporating: Traralgon, Glengarry & Rosedale.



Traralgon, Glengarry, and Rosedale Uniting churches Worship at Home
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 18th October 2020

Scripture Sentence

“I have loved you with an everlasting love, I have drawn you with unfailing kindness...”
(Jeremiah 31:3)

Welcome

Welcome as we come together as God’s people, at different times and in different places, to worship our Creator and Redeemer, our Saviour, and our Friend.

We acknowledge the First Peoples of this land and these waters, the Gunai Kurnai. We pray for all elders, past, present and emerging.

Song: [10 000 Reasons](#) (Matt Redman; GloryToFatherGod)

Opening Prayer

Holy one, we give thanks that you call us “beloved”.

Your love is steadfast. You are faithful, saving us from trouble and keeping us secure in your love. Help us to trust you, anew. Help us to rejoice in you and your wonderful love.

In Jesus name we pray. AMEN

Theme

In the overwhelming glory of God
know that we are dearly loved
and called to love others

Symbols

We are invited to light an ordinary candle to remind us of our ordinary lives touched by the life and love and warmth of God. At times the flame may feel small and vulnerable in our lives; but it is there, it is real and worth nurturing.

*FOR BY GRACE
YOU HAVE BEEN
SAVED
THROUGH FAITH*

EPHESIANS 2:8



Psalm 99 (Paraphrase) [Adapted from ©2001 Nathan Nettleton www.laughingbird.net](http://www.laughingbird.net)

You, O LORD, rule over everything!
Enthroned in glory, surrounded by awesome creatures,
..... your presence makes even the earth tremble and quake!

In Zion, LORD, your greatness is celebrated,
..... and in every nation praises your name.
At the mere mention of your name,
..... people everywhere burst into praise,
..... for your greatness and holiness.

Ruling in strength; loving justice with a passion;
..... you treat everyone fairly.
You have laid down the law
..... so that your people will do what is right.

We fall at your feet and sing your praises, O LORD our God,
..... for your greatness and holiness are wonderful
Moses and Aaron served you as priests,
..... Samuel was another who reached out to you.
They cried out to you on the world's behalf,
..... and you answered them.

They were true to what you had told them, LORD,
..... and did whatever you asked of them.
When they did wrong you set them straight,
..... in no uncertain terms;
but you forgave them, LORD,
..... and never failed to answer them.

We sing your praises, O LORD our God.
..... We come to your holy mountain to worship you,
..... for your greatness and holiness are wonderful.

AMEN

Exodus 33:12-23 (*New Living Translation*)

Thank you for your Words of Grace. AMEN

[Comments](#)

Song [So you would come](#) Tony Chance "Standing Before the Cross"

Prayers of Confession

We confess our dependence on you, loving Father. And we confess our love for you.
You know all about us, our struggles, our fears, where we go wrong, the ways we hurt ourselves and others. And the ways that we hurt you.
And yet you love us you know all about us and continue to love us.
Take us under your wings of love and forgiveness we humbly pray.

(We are invited to silently remember the things that are separating us from God, as we listen for what he might say to us.)

May we be transformed by the warmth of your love. Renew our joy in you and keep us close.
We believe that through Jesus, the friend of sinners, you our Father forgive us and set us free. We commit ourselves to live in your love and forgiveness.

AMEN

Song TiS #647 [Comfort, comfort all my people](#)

Matthew 22:15-22 (New Living Translation)

Thank you for your Words of Grace. AMEN

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Prayer

Generous God, we sometimes don't know how to handle all the blessings you offer. Dare us to believe that as a parent you freely give us the blessings of a life changed by grace. And as your children help us to simply open our hands and receive the blessings you give. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN

Adapted from [Seeking God's Face Philip F Reinders, 2013](#)

Song TIS #387 [Christ is alive, let Christians sing](#)

Prayers of Intercession – *Kerry Pierce*

Loving and Gracious God, we come with prayers for our community and for your world.

Lord, we lift up the lonely and the lost, the downtrodden and broken hearted, we pray for your presence in times of struggle and strife, the world over and we pray particularly for the people in Thailand.

Lord, we pray for leaders everywhere, particularly for those who have responsibility for equity, financial and health concerns in such difficult times. We pray particularly for the people in Brazil and those the United States of America

Lord, we pray for those near to us, those who have lost loved ones, the sick and the frail, and for all those who are growing weary of COVID 19 restrictions. Give us the strength to endure and friendships to continue until we can meet anew.

Loving and Gracious God, we put our trust in your care for your world, and we offer our prayers and ourselves to your will. Amen

Song TIS #220: [This, this is the God we adore](#)

Blessing

May the God of hope fill us all with joy and peace, as we trust in Him. So that we may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The blessing of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with us all, today, tomorrow and for ever. AMEN

Scripture Sentence

“God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us...”

Song [Now unto him](#)

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