

ORMOND UNITING CHURCH



27TH JUNE

PENTECOST 5



Who touched me ~ Anthony Falbo

Congregational responses are printed in bold type

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

HYMN: TIS 186

Stars and planets flung in orbit,
galaxies that swirl through space,
powers hid within the atom,
cells that form an infant's face:
these, O God, in silence praise you;
by your wisdom they are made.

Skies adorned with sunset splendour,
silent peaks in calm repose,
golden fields awaiting harvest,
foaming surf and fragrant rose:
earth, its bounty clothed with beauty,
echoes all creation's praise.

Life in wondrous, wild profusion,
seed and fruit, each flower and tree,
beast and fish and swarming insect,
soaring bird, rejoicing, free:
these, your creatures, join in chorus,
praising you in wordless song.

Humankind, earth's deepest mystery,
born of dust but touched by grace,
torn apart by tongue and colour,

yet a single, striving race:
we, in whom you trace your image,
add our words to nature's song.

Gracious God, we bring before you
gifts of human life alone,
truth that throbs through song and story,
visions caught in paint and stone:
these, O God, we gladly offer,
gifts to praise the Giver's name.

Christ, the Word before creation
as creation's final goal,
once you came for earth's redemption;
by your Spirit make earth whole:
then, O God, the new creation
will your praise for ever sing.

Herman G. Steumpfle
1923-

PRAYERS OF GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

A Litany of Invocation

Come to your world, O God of peace.
Come with your healing and your reconciling power.
Come, that fear may be cast out by love;
that weapons may be replaced by trust;
that violence may give way to kindness:
Come to us, God of peace.

Come to your world, O God of justice.
Come with your righteous judgments and your mercy.
Come, that the cries of the oppressed in every land
May be heard;
that we might see the suffering of the poor in our own land;
that we may commit to the way of righteousness
and compassion:
Come to us, God of justice.

Come to your world, O God of love.
Come with your extravagant kindness and your goodness.
Come, that we may see you in people
of every race and culture;
that we may receive your Christ in the lonely, the bereaved
and the rejected.
Come to us, God of love.

Come to us, God of unity.
Come with your forgiveness and your healing grace.
Come, that we may witness to reconciliation
for a divided world;
that we may gather around Christ's table as one people;
that we may affirm one church, one faith, one Lord:
Come to us, God of unity.

Come to us, God of hope.
Come to us with your promises,
come in your mysterious presence.
Come, that we may marvel at your faithfulness
in past generations;
that we may respond to your Spirit
among us today;
that we may be your pilgrim people
on our journey to your kingdom:
Come to us, God of hope. Amen.

Loving God, we know you are in our midst,
We call on your name with confidence and trust.
You have spoken your kindness to us
In Jesus, your Christ,
Through whom you call us daughters and sons
And assure us of your eternal life.
Open our eyes that we may see your presence,
That we may not be timid or ashamed
To share the beauty of your presence in our lives.

Speak to us now your saving and healing word
That hearing, we may truly hear and understand.
We ask this in the name of Christ our brother
Who is sign for us of your grace and love.
Blessed are you Holy God,
One in three, three in one. Amen

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet;
A light to our path

Psalm 130

A Song of Ascents.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!

**Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

**But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.**

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

**my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

**It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.**

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 8. 7 - 15

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel: Mark 5. 21 - 43

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

EARLY WORD

HYMN: TIS 661

Woman in the night,
spent from giving birth,
guard our precious light;
peace is on the earth!

*Come and join the song,
women, children, men.
Jesus makes us free to live again!*

Woman in the crowd,
creeping up behind,
touching is allowed:
seek and you will find.

Come and join the song

Woman at the well,
question the Messiah;
find your friends and tell:
drink your heart's desire!

Come and join the song

Woman at the feast,
let the righteous stare;
come and go in peace;
love him with your hair!

Come and join the song

Woman in the house,
nurtured to be meek,
leave your second place,
listen, think and speak!

Come and join the song

Women on the road,
from your sickness freed,
witness and provide,
joining word and deed:

Come and join the song

Women on the hill,
stand when men have fled;
Christ needs loving still,
though your hope is dead.

Come and join the song

Women in the dawn,
care and spices bring,
earliest to mourn,
earliest to sing!

Come and join the song,

women, children, men.

Jesus makes us free to live again!

Brian Arthur Wren
1936-

SERMON

HYMN: TIS 667

Christ's is the world in which we move;
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love;
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,
and Christ is the one who meets us here.

*To the lost Christ shows his face,
to the unloved he gives his embrace,
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*

Feel for the people we most avoid
strange or bereaved or never employed.
Feel for the women and feel for the men
who fear that their living is all in vain.

To the lost Christ shows his face,

Feel for the parents who've lost their child,
feel for the women whom men have defiled,
feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,
and feel for the weary who find no rest.

To the lost Christ shows his face,

Feel for the lives by life confused,
riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
which longs to be pure but fears to begin.

*To the lost Christ shows his face,
to the unloved he gives his embrace,
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*

John L. Bell 1949-
and Graham Maule 1958-

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Come to us, Healer of hurts,
Touch us with your fingers and we shall be saved.

Come to broken hearts and grieving spirits,
To wild anxieties and lost sanity.
Mend us and we shall be whole.

Come to rocky marriages and sore divorces,
To sleepless nights and lost self-confidence.

Mend us and we shall be whole.

Come to dying dreams and painful memories,
To betrayed values and lost opportunities.

Mend us and we shall be whole.

Come to weary wills and dried-up love,
To abandoned hopes and lost faith.

Mend us and we shall be whole.

Healer of hurts, Lord of perfect wholeness,
Come to us with your holiness.

Let our ordered lives confess

The beauty of your peace.

Amen

Amen

HYMN: TIS 691

Faith will not grow from words alone,
from proofs provided, scripture known;
our faith must feel its way about,
and live with question-marks and doubt.

The pattern Jesus showed, we share:
life comes through death, hope through despair.
God is made known in brokenness,
and faith feeds on God's emptiness.

The church still tells how Jesus came
through death to glorious life again -
the strangest story! Yet, maybe,
our faith will thrive on mystery.

Faith takes the little that we know,
and calls for hope, and tells us: Go!
Love and take courage, come what may;
Christ will be with us on the way.

Elizabeth J. Smith
1956-

BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

Go now to heal and transform,
to denounce violence,
to console those who are hurting.
Go and be the hands and heart
of Jesus Christ in our world today.

And the blessing ...

WORD OF MISSION

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen

POSTLUDE

*You can find a copy of today's sermon along with other congregational
information on the church website.*

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NEWS AND NOTICES

Mallanbool Discovery Walk. - Saturday 3rd of July

As part of the lead in to NAIDOC week (4- 11 th July) you are invited to come along to enjoy a reflective and educational walk around Mallanbool Reserve at 11:30 am, Saturday 3 rd of July. Melway's reference is map 68, K8 Leila Road, Carnegie.

Come along and learn about the two peoples who make up the Kulin nation that occupied this area thousands of years ago. Get a glimpse of the local life and culture of the men and women of the clans. Feel the shape and flow of the land, listen to the birds and learn more about their life at the sound posts, whilst experiencing the indigenous vegetation that surrounds you. Connect with some of the stories of the people of both harmony and sadness.

Bring your imagination, sense of adventure, some warm clothes and a light lunch and thermos to enjoy lunch together after the walk, at Packer Park, just opposite this gem of a reserve. There is undercover shelter available, plenty of great playground equipment, picnic tables and plenty of parking on the Packer Park side of Leila Road (north side).

Any queries speak to Lorraine, Heather or Warwick.

Glen Eira Winter Shelter - 4th July to September 23rd

Just a reminder that if you wish to be part of this wonderful joint community venture, of providing support for 10 homeless people at seven local churches, that you need to register your interest in being a volunteer by Thursday, 24 June. The program is being run by Compass Community Care (local church community centre in East Bentleigh) and in addition to registering online, volunteers are required to have a current Working with Children Card and to apply for a National Police Check online. Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of roles, including assisting with evening meals in the kitchen, laundry help, transporting guests in a minibus or helping to move the equipment trailer with bedding and personal belongings using their own vehicle.

As well as this people can assist at the Day Centre Program being run from Compass Community Care Centre in East Bentleigh, or assist in an evening program at one of the seven churches. This is a wonderful opportunity to network with other local churches and show love and compassion to people who are homeless during the winter months. Over 150 volunteers are needed to run this program efficiently, so far numbers are around 120, the more help the better. No special skills are needed just some dedicated time and a desire to help engage in whatever way you can.

Further information and registration details can be found at the following website: <https://www.compasscommunitycare.org.au/winter-shelter> If you can't volunteer please pray for the people running the program, volunteers and for those being helped, also you can donate to the program via the website if you wish.

Volunteers need to register for one 2hr training session on either Saturday 26th of June or Sunday the 27th June at 1-3 pm at Compass Community Care, Virginia Park 5b South Drive, 236-262 East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East, VIC 3165. Please let us know if you are registering for this as we are, and if we can assist with any queries or difficulties you may have.

Yours on the journey- Warwick & Anne

Post-Worship Chat

Commencing from July we will be providing a once-a-month, post-worship chat space to talk about the sermon of the day or any other curly, frustrating or exciting matters about the life of faith which may be exercising your mind and soul. We will allow time for people to grab a cuppa after worship and then we will reconvene in the Link or the church. Our first occasion will be Sunday 11th July. There will be printed copies of sermons available on the day so you can jog your memory with anything the sermon may have raised for you.

Pathfinder Material Due

Just a reminder that Pathfinder Material for the July edition is due by **Monday 28th June at 6pm**. If wanting to contribute an article or news, please make contact with Dianne Richter.

ROSTER for Sunday 4 July 2021

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