

ORMOND UNITING CHURCH



4TH JULY

PENTECOST 6



Artwork: Care for Country by Maggie Jean (Gupuk Djabal) Djabal

When creating Care for Country - Heal I mind that this means spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially and culturally - I chose to create a bright and vibrant artwork that included the different colours of the land but showed how they come together in our beautiful country and to make people feel hopeful for the future. I've included communal people, animals and bush medicines spread over different landscapes of red dirt, green grass, bush land and coastal areas to tell the story of the many ways country can and has healed us through our lives and journeys.

HEAL COUNTRY!

NAIDOC Week
4-11 JULY 2021

#NAIDOC2021 #HealCountry

Congregational responses are printed in bold type

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

This land is God's land and God's Spirit dwells here. We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Woi Wurrung people, traditional custodians of this land under God. We commit ourselves again to working for reconciliation in this land.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God, whose realm encompasses the universe,
by whose hand the earth was made,
and everything in it,
your greatness is revealed in so many ways.

God of Glory, we adore you.

God, whose blessings are countless -
as grains of sand,
life-giving – as warm rays of sunshine;
your compassion is without limit
and the light of your Word cannot be dimmed.

God of Mercy, we praise you.

God, whose Spirit breathes life into the universe
and gives to all people their very being,
you have given this day
that all may draw closer to you.

God of Grace, we thank you.

**We come into your presence –
to reach out and know you;
to worship and praise you.**

God of all generations, hear us.¹

HYMN: TIS 246 Christ is the world's light

Christ is the world's light, he and none other;
born in our darkness, he became our brother,
if we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high.

Christ is the world's peace, he and none other;
no one can serve him and despise his brother.
Who else unites us, one in God the Father?
Glory to God on high.

Christ is the world's life, he and none other;
sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother –
he, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father:
Glory to God on high.

Give God the glory, God and none other;
give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father;
give God the glory, God in man my brother:
Glory to God on high.

Frederick Pratt Green
1993-

PRAYERS OF GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Holy Love,
Beginning and End,
Beyond all names:
giver of food and drink,
clothing and warmth,
love and hope,
life in in all its goodness –
We praise and adore you.

Jesus Christ,
Wisdom and Word:
lover of outcasts,
friend of the poor,
one of us, yet one with God,
crucified and risen,
life in the midst of death –
We praise and adore you.

Holy Spirit,
Storm and Breadth:
building bridges,
breaking chains,
waking the oppressed,
making us one ,
unseen and unexpected,
untameable energy and life –
We praise and adore you.

Holy Trinity, forever One,
whose nature is community;
unbounded dance of love:
in whom we love, and grow,
and know our neighbour,
life in all its fullness,
making all things new –
We praise and adore you. Amen.²

Hymn: TIS 712 Create in us a clean heart (seated)

**Create in us a clean heart, O God.
Renew within us a right spirit.
Cast us not away from your presence, O Lord,
and take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

**Restore to us fullness of joy,
the joy that springs from your salvation.
Lighten our minds, shelter our lives
with your Spirit free.**

Digby Hannah 1949-
based on Psalm 51:10-12

We come
acknowledging those things in our lives
which have caused us anguish and regret
which have caused others hurt
which have separated us from you.

Our hearts have been hostile
towards your creation.

We have been angered
not by the injustice experienced by others
but by the actions and words
which dared to limit
our own desires.

We have allowed our own prejudice and bias
to limit or frustrate
our capacity to love one another.

In carelessness, ignorance or greed,
we have not shared the resources of your world
as you would have us do.

God of mercy, forgive us.³

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Assurance of forgiveness

The love of God sets us free.
Believe the Good News – our sins are forgiven.

EARLY WORD - Annabelle and Ron

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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

Hebrew Scriptures: Isaiah 61:1-11

Psalm 103: 1-12

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits —
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

HYMN: Bound by Love

Bound by love to love each other,
won by love that gave its all,
moulded by a love-filled Spirit,
freed by love to heed love's call.
Bound by love to see the needy,
caring where there's grief and pain,
acting as we're each enabled,
freed by love to help again.

Bound by love now to be givers,
forfeiting our selfish whims
learning from our Master Lover,
freed by love to act for him.

Bound by love that knows no boundaries,
willing simply to obey,
seeing Christ in all who are hurting,
freed by love to love, his way.⁴

SERMON

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

A sign of peace is shared

HYMN: TIS 511 Let us break bread together

Let us break bread together with the Lord!
Let us break bread together with the Lord!
*As we travel through this land,
all God's children hand in hand,
Lord, fill all our living with your life.*

Let us drink wine together with the Lord!
Let us drink wine together with the Lord!
Refrain

Let us sing songs together with the Lord!
Let us sing songs together with the Lord!
Refrain

Let us all work together for the Lord!
Let us all work together for the Lord!
Refrain

Based on an African-American spiritual
arr. Charles Cleall - 1927-

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanks and praise, glory and honour are truly yours,
our Lord and God,
for you alone are worthy.
In time beyond our dreaming
you brought forth life out of darkness,
and in the love of Christ your Son
you set man and woman at the heart of your creation.

Sanctus & Benedictus – TIS 756

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, holy imaginative God, you brought order out of chaos in creation, setting your tree of life in the centre, bringing creative order out of chaos, breathing spirit across the dust.

You created wholeness.

Holy God, holy compassionate God, you saw our brokenness and planted once again in our midst the tree of life, the cross from which Christ rose to reconcile all things. In him you reclaim wholeness.

Holy Christ, holy healing Christ.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim him as the first born of a new creation.

Holy God, holy generous God, we remember Christ's abundant life his breaking through the bonds of death, your resurrected life which renews the face of the earth. We give back to you what you have given us in creation, wheat and grapes, bread and wine.

We long for that day when all things will be reconciled in you, eternal God.

Holy God, holy Spirit of God, shape us together in this wide brown land; in the fragile soils and the thirsty rivers, in the scorching sun and the relentless wind, in myriad animals and in human faces from all corners of the globe and those from the ancient dreamtime. Send your Spirit that we may live by your justice and share your bounty with the whole creation.

Help us cry out with one voice for re-creation.

You inspire your people, teaching us to pray:

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Agnus dei - TIS 756

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

Prayer after Communion

Eternal and gracious One,
though we live in a broken,
here we have tasted the broken one
who makes us whole.

Though afflicted by brokenness and the tragedies of the past,
here we have heard your call
to be a people of healing.

Though daily we touch our limits,
here we have been assured
the fullness of your grace.

Send us forth, O God,
in faith, in hope, and in love. Amen.

HYMN: TIS 630 The law of Christ

*The law of Christ alone can make us free,
and love is the fulfilling of the law.*

As children of our God we're sisters, brothers;
but will God's love to all the world be known
if we do not reflect his love to others?
In charity and justice God is shown.
The law of Christ ...

Millions believe the law of life is cunning
within a world of cruelty and greed;
how can they know God's charity and justice
if helping hands have never reached their need?
The law of Christ ...

Christ is at work through us who are his body,
he chooses us to witness and to teach,
to heal and raise and liberate and strengthen,
to be his hands and eyes, his heart and speech.
The law of Christ ...

There is no promise that we shall not suffer,
no promise that we shall not need to fight;
only the word that love is our redemption
and freedom comes by turning to the light.
The law of Christ ...

James Phillip McAuley
1917-76 alt.

BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

May the God of all wonder who set the stars in the sky,
bless you with relentless unsettledness –
that drives you to seek truth.
May the God of all justice who gave motion to the rivers,
bless you with righteous anger –
that drives you to seek freedom for all.

May the God of all love who placed laughter in the kookaburra,
bless you with the friendship –
that looks like the love where one lays down their life for another.
May the God of all comfort who determined the height of the mountains,
bless you with tears from shared pain and mourning –
that shows you hope.

Now with wonder, righteous anger, sacrifice, and lament –
Go in truth, justice, love, and hope –
to Change the Heart of Australia. ⁵

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

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. If you are planning to stay for the discussion group after church on the 11th July you are welcome to bring a drink and a snack with you.

Morning Tea

The COVID team have discussed the difficulties of providing morning tea during the current restrictions. To serve morning tea we need a large enough space for people to sit, not move around, mask, be served and physically distance. Masks can only be removed to eat and drink.

As a result we have decided not to serve morning tea while the current restrictions are in place but encourage people to stay in the warm church and enjoy each others company while masking and remaining COVID safe. The requirements are changing so fast the COVID team will continue to monitor and when they change and we can safely serve morning tea we will recommence.

Adelphi Players Theatre Company

Adelphi Players Theatre have decided to postpone their play “The Christian Brothers” until September 2021. Revised performance dates are 1 – 5 September 2021. More information to follow.

Pathfinder

The July edition of Pathfinder is now available. Those on email should have received a copy already, or you will find a few paper copies available today in the Church foyer.

Copies can also be accessed from the Ormond Uniting Church website at:

www.ormondunitingchurch.org

ROSTER for Sunday 11 July 2021

READING	Robyn Mulder	
PRAYERS	David Northwood	
DOOR DUTY	Neville Parker	Lyn Parker
SOUND	Gary Richter	
COUNTING	Dot Rose	Jan Rose
MUSIC	Peter Hurley	
RESOURCES DELIVERY (9 July).	Marg Davis	

Diary Dates

Thursday 8 th July	7.30 p.m. Exploring the New Testament
Sunday 11 th July	11.00 a.m. After Worship discussion
Sunday 18 th July	2.30 p.m. Quarterly Communion
Monday 19 th July	6.00 p.m. Material for <i>Pathfinder</i> due
Tuesday 20 th July	7.45 p.m. Church Council
Wednesday 21 st July	1.30 p.m. Friendship Circle
Thursday 22 nd July	7.30 p.m. Exploring the New Testament
Thursday 29 th July	7.30 p.m. Exploring the New Testament
Tuesday 3 rd August	7.45 p.m. Formation Group meeting
Thursday 10 th August	7.30 p.m. Exploring the New Testament

AUGUST PATHFINDER COMING EARLY

Contributions due by 6.00 p.m. Monday 19th July

Distribution: Friday 23rd July

The August edition of Pathfinder will be coming out early because our editors will be supporting family members engaged in the Cancer Council's Mystery Box Rally - see article in Pathfinder on page 11.

