

Ormond Uniting Church



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THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE 聚集敬拜

Call to worship

Acknowledgement of Country

1 Hymn: 209 And can it be that I gain

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION 忏悔祷告

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD 敬听圣言

1st Scripture Reading: Psalm 诗篇107:1-9, 43

O give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, *from the east and
from the west,
from the north and from the south.*

Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress;

*he led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.*

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

*For he satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry he fills with good things.*

Let those who are wise pay attention to these things and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

2nd Scripture Reading: Colossians 歌罗西书 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.

In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

3rd Scripture Reading: Luke 路加福音12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to

him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Children's address

Sermon: Rich in God

2 Hymn: 599 Take my life and let it be

Offering

Announcements and concerns of the church

Prayer of the People

Being Rich towards God

RESPONSE: Lord God, Giver of all good gifts, enable
all your children to find abundant life in you

Let us pray

O Lord, our treasure, may all have the food they need: We remember the starving of Gaza – particularly the children.

Lord God, Giver of all good gifts, enable
all your children to find abundant life in you

May all have the money they need. Open the hearts and wallets of the rich for the welfare of the poor

Lord God, Giver of all good gifts, enable
all your children to find abundant life in you

May all have the health of body and mind they need. We pray for those suffering with cancer and heart disease

Lord God, Giver of all good gifts, enable
all your children to find abundant life in you

May all have the homes they need. We pray for those living on the street with no place to call home

Lord God, Giver of all good gifts, enable
all your children to find abundant life in you

May all have and live in the family they need. We pray for all for whom family fails to enrich their lives.

Lord God, Giver of all good gifts, enable
all your children to find abundant life in you

May all have the friends they need. We pray for the lonely, the isolated and the neglected.

Lord God, Giver of all good gifts, enable
all your children to find abundant life in you

May all have the possessions they need. We pray for all who are possessed by their possessions.

Lord God, Giver of all good gifts, enable
all your children to find abundant life in you

May all have the peace they need. We pray for peace in the killing fields of Gaza, Ukraine and too many other places on your planet.

Lord God, Giver of all good gifts, enable
all your children to find abundant life in you

May all have the leisure and fun they need. We pray for those for whom the pursuit of leisure is above all else.

Lord God, Giver of all good gifts, enable
all your children to find abundant life in you

Finally, Lord God, may all have the love they need. We give thanks for the richness of your love, which is made manifest in all lives and in all life. May we be tireless agents of that love in all we think, do and be.

Lord God, Giver of all good gifts, enable
all your children to find abundant life in you

In the name of Eternal Love, we pray

AMEN

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 圣餐

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE 差遣信徒

The Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

3 Hymn: 161 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Benediction

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