

St. Andrew's by the Sea Uniting Church
Christian Community in the Heart of Glenelg
Rev. Christine Gilbert



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
22nd September 2019

Hospitality is the practice of God's welcome by reaching across difference to participate in God's actions of justice and healing.

—Letty Russell

GATHERING

Preparing the Space and Our Hearts

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Hymn “Stars and planets flung in orbit” (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.

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.

Words: Herman Steumpfle

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

ENCOUNTERING

Scripture Reading Luke 15:1-10

May your word live in us:
and bear much fruit to your glory.

Hymn "Amazing Grace" (TiS 129)

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
 that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found,
 was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
 I have already come:
 God's grace has brought me safe thus far,
 and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
 his word my hope secures;
 he will my shield and portion be
 as long as life endures.

Words: John Newton

Conversation with Rev. Bernie Clarke

RESPONDING

Prayers of the People

Dear Jesus, giver of grace and friend to all:
 you made your home among us and shared a table
 with those who were often misunderstood and rejected.
 We pray, now, for the tables in your world
 where you remain at work and where we join you in hope.

We pray for the tables of leadership
 in your church and decision making bodies everywhere.
***Open our eyes to what we hold in common
 and our hearts to a more common good.***

We pray for the tables of friendship and care here at St. Andrews
 and for your call to embody gracious love and hospitality.
***Remove the barriers of fear and indifference
 that we might encounter you in each other.***

We pray for the table of reconciliation
 between the First and Second Peoples.
***May we listen deeply, honour the fulness of history,
 and seek a destiny together in this land.***

Finally, we pray for our friends and loved ones
 around or absent from the tables in our homes and community—
 for those who are unwell and those who care for them,
 for those in transition and those who have something to celebrate,
 for those who are struggling and doing it tough,
 and for those who are without a place to gather and belong...

(moment of silence)

We pray: ***By your Spirit, extend your generous welcome to us all
 and shape us into a fellowship of Christ-like love.***

The Disciple's Prayer

*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 forever. Amen.*

Collection and Offering Song "Gift to the world"

We bring the gifts that you have brought us,
we sing the songs that you are teaching to us.
Take our lives, take our time, take our possessions;
make us your gift to the world,
make us your gift to the world.

Words and music: Robin Mann

Prayer of Dedication

*Dear God,
today we take another step in our journey with you.
Fill us with your Spirit.
Lead us deeper into Christ.
Shine your light on the path before us.
For this we hope and pray. Amen.*

JOURNEYING

Hymn

“Walls mark our boundaries”

Walls mark our boundaries and keep us apart.
 Walls keep the world from our eyes and our heart.
 Tables are round making room for one more,
 Welcoming friends we had not known before.
 So build us a table and tear down the wall!
 Christ is our host. There is room for us all.

Walls make us sure who is in and who’s out.
 Walls keep us safe from all question and doubt.
 But at a table in open exchange
 New ties are formed as our lives rearrange.
 So build us a table and tear down the wall!
 Christ is our host. There is room for us all.

Once we were strangers, divided, alone.
 Hate and distrust built a wall stone by stone.
 Now at a table, the bread that we share,
 Joins us to Christ, in a circle of care.
 So build us a table and tear down the wall!
 Christ is our host. There is room for us all.

Words: Ruth Duck
 Music: Jim Strathdee

Sung Benediction

“May the kindness of our Lord, Jesus”

May the kindness of our Lord, Jesus
 And the love of our God
 And the friendship, and the unity
 of the Spirit be with you.
 Be with you.

Words and music: Andrew Dutney

Please gather for morning tea, in the hall after worship

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Rev. Bernie Clarke in Worship

We welcome Rev Bernie Clarke to our community today. Bernie was a “malpa” (helping friend) to Anangu and involved with the Uniting Church on the APY lands for many years. Bernie is now retired and he and Carlene are members of Brougham Place Uniting Church. We look forward to his sharing with us about his experiences and rich faith.

Meeting of the Congregation

The Church Council has called for a Meeting of the Congregation on 27 October after morning tea. Church Council nomination forms are available on the table in the foyer. Please give prayerful consideration for who you sense is being called to serve at this time. You are welcome to place your nominations in the offering bag or bring them to the church office by 6 October. Nominations for Presbytery and Synod Representatives (two members for each) will be received during the Meeting of the Congregation.

Emergency Contact Information

With several newer members and house shifting for some, we need to update our emergency contact list. Forms will be available soon for you to share your personal contact information as well as information for two emergency contacts. These forms will be stored in a secure location in the office and used in the event of an emergency while you are here at St. Andrews only. Beginning in October, we will take a few moments during Sunday notices to collect this information. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sunday Lunch Group

Today, 22nd September, a group from the Church will be going to the Jetty Hotel for lunch. All are welcome to join in this time of Fellowship. Please see Joy for bookings.

Evening Fellowship

The next meeting is on Thursday 26th September at 7:30 pm. Our guest speaker Jane Marks, together with daughter Emily, will share with us experiences from their Egyptian adventure. All are welcome.

UCA Fellowship and Mission Groups

UCA Fellowship and Mission Groups will be holding the Fleurieu North Regional Celebrations at Ascot Community Church on Tuesday 1st October 1:00 pm for 1:30 pm program start.

Speaker: Rev Sunny Kadaparambil
Frontier Services: Bush Chaplain, Parkin / Sturt Patrol

Please see Joy if you would like to attend.

Raising Our First People's Voices

It has been an historic week with First Peoples Leaders from UnitingCare Australia's network and Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) meeting together for the first time in Canberra. It marked a new beginning for a Uniting First Peoples Voice within the UCA.

Participants gathered together in the National Botanical Gardens for two days, and the discussions led to the emergence of a way forward that will elevate the First Peoples voice across the breadth and depth of the Uniting Church and our agencies.

Readings for Sunday 29th September

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Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

Rostered Duties

Prayers of the People:

Nicky Titchener

Scripture Reader:

Peter Thomas

Morning Tea:

Elaine and Barry Mesecke

Birthday Cake:

Peta Thomas

Welcomer:

Janet Smith

Side Door after Worship:

Lisa McGrath and Adeline Yu

This Week at St Andrews:

The Church is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.30 am to 3.00 pm.

Sunday:

10:30 am

6:30 pm

Father's Day

Fellowship in the Hall

Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

Monday:

Tuesday:

10:30 am—1:30 pm Op-Shop

11:00 am—1:00 pm Friendship Cafe

12:00 noon — 2:30 pm Community Aid

6:00 pm—7:30 pm Marys' Kitchen

Wednesday:

Thursday:

10:30 am—1:30 pm Op-Shop

11:00 am—1:00 pm Friendship Cafe

12:00 noon — 2:30 pm Community Aid

7:30 pm— 9:30 pm Evening Fellowship

Friday:

12:00 noon — 2:30 pm Community Aid

Saturday:

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