

Acknowledgement of Country:

We live on the land of the Wathaurong people.

We acknowledge the traditional caretakers of the land
in which we live.

We acknowledge their deep spiritual connections to
this land and we thank them for the care they have
shown the earth over thousands of years.

ZOOM CHURCH DETAILS

Geelong Region UCA Celebration Service
Time: **Jun 21, 2020 10:00 AM** Australia/Melbourne

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Port Philip West Presbytery, Victoria

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Practising the way of Jesus

21st June 2020



*Celebrating
Us!*

GREATER GEELONG & BELLARINE PENINSULA
WORSHIPPING TOGETHER, WORSHIPPING DISPERSED
UNITING CHURCH SUNDAY, celebrated on 21.06.2020
' via Zoom, Face Book, Live streamed and hard copies'

(In preparing this liturgy, the following resources were used: Echoes of Our Journey - Liturgies of the People, Dorothy McRae-McMahon; Uniting In Worship 2; Together In Song;)

Thank you to all of the ministry agents and community members who have collaborated to make this celebration happen!

Let us worship God.

PRAISE WITH JOY THE WORLD'S CREATOR
HYMN TiS 179

Praise with joy the world's Creator,
God of justice, love and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
force of greatness without cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory.
power to rescue and release.

Praise the Son who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, upsets religion,
fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence -
Friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us,
liberating truth from pride,
forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure -
foolishness none dare deride.

Praise to the Lord, who when darkness of sin is abounding,
who, when the godless do triumph, our best hopes
confounding,
sheds forth his light,
scatters the horrors of night,
saints with his mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before
him.

Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for ever adore him.

Words: Joachim Neander, 1650 - 1680

tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78 and others.

Music: Later form of a chorale melody, in the 'Stralsund Gesangbuch', 1665

COMMISSIONING

We are the church, the mission of God awaits.
We go in hope and love into the world.

BLESSING

May God the heart of life be deep within us,
God the Christ be present in our history,
and God the Spirit give us power, truth and peace.
Amen.

THREE FOLD AMEN TiS 783 (ii)
Amen, Amen, Amen.

Postlude

[For You Deep Stillness](#)

Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,
one God in community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe, when
shown Christ's vibrant unity.

Words: John L Bell 1949- & Graham Maule 1958-2020

Music: John Goss 1800-1880

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise to God for the gifts of the past:
for the witness of the people of God who went before us.
Praise to God for the gifts of the present:
in all our struggles to be true to Christ.
Praise to God for the gifts in our future:
**in the Spirit we are led on
into crucifixions and resurrections. Amen.**

LORD OF EARTH AND ALL CREATION HYMN TiS 672 (tune ii)

Lord of earth and all creation,
let your love possess our land:
Wealth and freedom, far horizons,
mountain, forest, shining sand:
may we share, in faith and friendship,
gifts unmeasured from your hand.

People of the ancient Dreamtime,
they who found this country first,
ask with those, the later comers,
will our dream be blessed our cursed?
Grant us, Lord, new birth, new living,

hope for which our children thirst.

Lord, life-giving healing Spirit,
on our hurts your mercy shower;
lead us by your inward dwelling,
guiding, guarding, every hour.
Bless and keep this land Australia:
in your will her peace and power.

Words: michael rayner thwaites 1915- &
honor mary thwaites 1914-1993
music: henry purcell 1659-1695

REMEMBERING

As we begin this service of worship, acknowledging
the 43th anniversary of Church Union,
we remember our heritage, and :
the commitment in the Congregational tradition to freedom,
and the power of the priesthood of all believers;
the commitment in the Methodist tradition to social justice
and an enthusiasm in communicating the gospel, and
the commitment in the Presbyterian tradition to scholarship
and a deep understanding of the nature of the church.

We stand in these great traditions, too.

In Christ we are one.

In Christ everything is made new.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us join in our prayers of confession.
On the day of union we committed the Uniting Church
to be one people in the Spirit of Christ:
and we are still divided.
To be a pilgrim people:

As those born into freedom:
**may we uphold human rights,
participate in the constant search for truth,
live with integrity and with concern
for the whole human race.**
And now, let those who will
lift up their prayers for the church and the world....

(a time for praying aloud or in silence)

O God, we pray that nothing in all the earth
will separate us from your love in Christ Jesus.
**May we live as though we belong to you
and be a humble sign of hope in this place
where we make our witness. Amen.**

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY HYMN TiS 111

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation.
Come all who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord who in all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining:
have you not seen
all that is needed has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of our ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Words: based on an anonymous prayer(French?)c. 1900
This version by Johann Sebastian Templehoff , 1928-
Music: Sebastian Temple , 1928
arr. Betty Pulkingham, 1928-

BLESSING OUR OFFERING

**O God, wherever we are, use us,
and the offering we make
for the continuing of your creation. Amen.**

[Video Doxology](#)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In the spirit of our beginnings
as the Uniting Church in Australia
let us join in our prayers of intercession.
As a church set in South East Asia and the Pacific:
**Make us true neighbours
to those among whom we live, O God.**
In a country which has been richly blessed:
**give us courage to stand for justice,
and end to poverty and discrimination
and the support of that which offers dignity
to all people.**

**but often we have refused to move and change.
To use the gifts of all the people for the kingdom:
but we refuse to call forth the gifts
and offer them to you.**

To be servants to the world:
**but we have turned away into our own concerns
and closed our eyes to the pain of others.
Forgive us , O God,
and help us renew our commitment
to live out the hope to which we are called.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Christ our hope is new every day
and there is no condemnation.
Rise up and live as free people of God. **Amen**

THE LORD'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 in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Hear the Word of God in the Psalms 122

Hear the Word of God in the gospel of John 17: 20-26

In this we hear the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE CONTEMPORARY WITNESS

Interviews with D'Arcy Wood & Geoff Thompson
from Will Nicholas & Paul Stephens

Brief Witness Response John 17:20-26

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are a Pilgrim People

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One,
confessing him as Lord**

to the glory of God the Father.

In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the Church,

the Head over all things,

the beginning of a new creation.

**We acknowledge that we live and work
between the time of Christ's death and resurrection**

**and the final consummation of all things
which he will bring.**

We are a pilgrim people,

always on the way towards a promised goal;

on the way Christ feeds us with word and sacraments,

**and we have the gift of the Spirit
in order that we may not lose the way.**

**We will live and work within the faith and unity
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
bearing witness to that unity
which is both Christ's gift and his will.**

**We affirm that every member of the Church
is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified.
Together with all the people of God,
we will serve the world for which Christ died.
And we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.**

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE
HYMN TIS 607

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me bring your love;

where there is injury, your pardon Lord;

and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Refrain after (1st & 2nd verses only...)

O Master, grant that I may never seek,

so much to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;

where there is darkness, let me bring your light;

and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant....