

Wesley Forrest Uniting Church
9.00 am service
Sunday
7th August 2022

‘Do not be afraid’

Greeting

May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ
the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Lighting of the Candle

Acknowledgement of Country

Call to worship

Song: Sing to God with joy

TI 325

Sing to God, with joy and gladness
hymns and psalms of gratitude.
With the voice of praise discover
that to worship God is good.

God unites his scattered people,
gathers those who wandered far,
heals the hurt and broken spirits,
tending every wound and scar.

Such is God’s great power and wisdom
none can calculate or tell.
Keen is God to ground the wicked
and with humble folk to dwell.

God, with clouds, the sky has curtained,
thus ensuring rain shall fall.
Earth, responding, grows to order
food for creatures great and small.

God's discernment never favours
strength or speed to lift or move.
God delights in those who fear him,
trusting in his steadfast love.

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Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance

Hear then Christ's word of grace to us:
'Your sins are forgiven.'
Thanks be to God.

The Peace

Song: You are holy you are whole

TiS 753

You are holy you are whole.
You are always ever more
than we ever understand.
You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near;
blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread
raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy, you are wholeness,
you are present, let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

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Time with Children

Song with children: Put on love

ATOK 390

Chorus
Put on love every day
Never hide your love away
Don't save love for a special day
But put on love every day-ay-ay
Put on love every day

1. Put on love with your sneakers
Put on love with your old blue jeans
Put on love with your t-shirt
Put on love every day-ay-ay
Yes, put on love every day

2. Put on love with your jumper
Put on love when you comb your hair
Put on love when you brush your teeth
Put on love every day-ay-ay
Yes, put on love every day

3. Put on love in the morning
Put on love in your class at school
Put on love with your family,
Put on love every day-ay-ay
Yes, put on love every day

Mary Lou Walker (1973)

Readings: Genesis 15:1-6 Luke 12:32-40

Contemporary message 'Do not be afraid'

Offering

Prayers of the People

Song: Invitation

ATAR 598

God has laid a feasting table.
All her guests are gathered round.
From the highways and the byways
all the lost have now been found.

When we hear the invitation
will we lay our burdens down?
When we hear the invitation
will we lay our burdens down?

At this table all are welcome.
No-one need be left behind.
God is greater than our difference.
Christ can see where we are blind.

When we hear the invitation
will we love all humankind?
When we hear the invitation
will we love all humankind?

God is crying out for justice.
Christ is weeping in the street.
When will be the time for laughter?
When will all have food to eat?

When we hear the invitation
will we make God's will complete?
When we hear the invitation
will we make God's will complete?

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Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Song: The Pilgrims Song

ATAR 641

We believe in God in whom
the universe in all its beauty was born.
We believe in Christ, the Saviour of the world
and the Spirit who travels with us.

For we are the people who travel in Christ's way.
Yes, we are the people seeking God's new day.
We are the people the Spirit binds as one.
together in faith we journey on.

We believe in Christ, God come as one with us,
who died to set the world free.
We believe Christ lives, his Spirit is with us
that in our lives god's new world will come.
For we are the people...

There will come a day creation will be free
and love will rule all the world.
Until then we'll seek to care for all the earth
and to live for the glory of God.
For we are the people ...

Paul Chalson
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Blessing and sending out

Liturgist & Preacher:
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