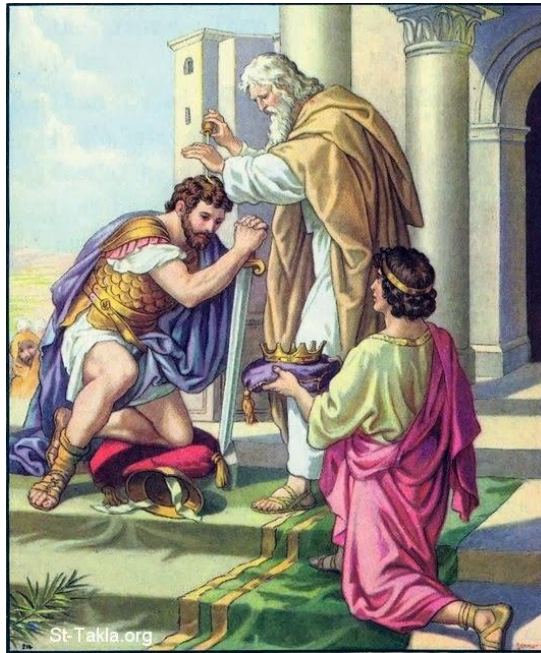


WESLEY UNITING CHURCH, FORREST, ACT
Pentecost 7
Sunday 7th July 2024: 9am



heartofashepherd.com: "The Coronation of David"

The Gathering of God's People

Greeting: May the peace of the Holy One, Holy Three be with you all.
And also with you.

Acknowledgement of Country:

*Let us acknowledge the Ngunnawal and Ngambri peoples,
The first inhabitants of this place,
Part of God's good creation.
We honour them for their custodianship of the land
On which we gather today.*

*You set humanity at the heart of your creation, O God,
Charging us with your stewardship of all you have made.
We give thanks for those who have heeded your call.*

Safe Place Statement

*The Uniting Church in Australia believes that all people are made in the image of God,
and so we accept every individual regardless of race, age, creed, sexuality and gender.*

Let's light the Community Candle from the Christ Candle

Remembering all those live-streaming with us today, and our extended communities!

Welcome and News

Call to Worship

Lord, in Your mercy, open our hearts.
Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.

We pray for those who are spiritually empty -
who are troubled, but don't know where to turn;
who long for purpose and meaning, but don't know where to look;
who need You, but do not yet know You.
Lord, in Your mercy, open our hearts.

Welcoming Song: The Colossian Hymn

Malcolm Gordon

1. We look to Jesus, seeing God who can't be seen
We look to Jesus, seeing life as it should be
We look to Jesus, in whom everything began
For in this Jesus, we all find a place to stand

Chorus:

Life began in you, Lord of all, you hold us true.

All the world is home in your hands.

Life is found in you, all that's broken will be new,

Heaven's heart lies open to us now.

2. We look to Jesus, seeing God in purest grace
We look to Jesus, where we find our truest place
We look to Jesus, leading us beyond the grave
For in this Jesus, all creation can be saved.

Chorus

You are reconciling, making peace through your blood
You're the new beginning for this world
Heaven and earth are brimming with the life that you bring
You're the morning star that lights the way.

Chorus x2

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Confession ...

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

All-Age Story: (Bruce)

Children's Song: Song of Thanks/E ke akua

Trad. Hawaiian

O God, Creator (O God Creator)

We give thanks (We give thanks)

Thanks to you God (Thanks to you God)

For this day! (For this day!)

Repeat song 3x

Reading: 2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10 (P. 243 in the pew Bible) "David anointed King of All Israel"

1. Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. 2. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." 3. So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. 4. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. 5. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

9. David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. 10. And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

Reading (Gospel): Mark 6:1-13 (P. 817 in the pew Bible): "The Rejection of Jesus of Nazareth"

1. He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. 2. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! 3. Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense¹ at him. 4. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house." 5. And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. 6. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. 7. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, 9. but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. 10. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. 11. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." 12. So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. 13. They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

In this is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Preaching: (Rev. Bruce)

Offering Song: In Christ Alone

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when striving cease
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh,

fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Offering Prayer ...

Prayers of the People

This week, the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle directs us to Eritrea and Ethiopia. And of course, we are still acutely focussed on Israel, Palestine and Ukraine ...

Let's join in offering 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 from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING OUT

Sending Song May You Go Well

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May you go well into paths still unknown
May you know peace even when pain and loss abound
Blessed by you on the road through your life
When you're surprised, may you be bold, creative, and wise
And we pray you will be salt, you will be light inside this world
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

The blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always.

May we live and serve this week in remembrance of Christ's love.
Our service has ended.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ.

Amen.

Worship Team:

Preacher: Rev Dr Bruce Stevens, **Liturgist:** Robert James

Music Co-ordinator: Jade McFaul **Musicians:** Esther Arthur (piano), Sonia Di Mezza (vocals)

Reader: Nancy Opdyke

Video: Phillip Bruen **Sound:** Paul Chen

Duty Elder: Nancy Opdyke, **Stewards:** Tarlie & John Alcock

Morning Tea: Billingham, Phillpots.

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