

Uniting Church in Australia
Wesley Uniting Church, Forrest
Sunday 26 June 2022 - 10:45AM
Pentecost 3

The Gathering Of God's People

Prelude Organ Concerto Op. 4 No. 4 in F major, 4th movement
George Frederic Handel

Welcome and news:

Greeting **THE PEACE** of the Lord be with you

Acknowledgement of Country

Lighting The Community Candle

Collect:

Hymn 107 Sing praise and thanksgiving

1. Sing praise and thanksgiving, let all creatures living
now worship their maker with gladness and song;
all glory and honour we come to him bringing:
O praise to the Almighty, sing praise to our God!
2. Our lives of his making he brings to their waking
in darkness he held us in his gracious care,
now into the light we are called from our sleeping:
O praise to the Almighty, sing praise to our God!
- 3 Lord, frame our desiring to do your requiring,
that unto your glory be all that we do;
and where we have faltered, give strength and give healing:
O praise to the Almighty, sing praise to our God!

Prayer Of Confession

Assurance Of Forgiveness:

Out of love for the world, God chose to share our humanity in the person of Jesus Christ, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (based on John 3:16) The good news therefore is this:

In Jesus Christ we are accepted, we are loved, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Stories For The Young At Heart

Hymn 624 Christ be my leader

1 Christ be my leader by night as by day;
safe through the darkness, for he is the Way.
Gladly I follow, my future his care,
darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

2 Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
drifting or doubting, for he is the Truth.
Grant me to trust him; though shifting as sand,
doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

3 Christ be my Saviour in calm as in strife;
death cannot hold me for he is the Life.
darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

The Service Of The Word

Bible Reading

First Reading: Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20 *Responsive*

God's Mighty Deeds Recalled

I cry aloud to God,
aloud to God, that he may hear me.

**²In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord;
in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying;
my soul refuses to be comforted.**

I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD;
I will remember your wonders of old.

¹²I will meditate on all your work
and muse on your mighty deeds.

¹³Your way, O God, is holy.
What god is so great as our God?

¹⁴You are the God who works wonders;
you have displayed your might among the peoples.

¹⁵With your strong arm you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.¹⁶ When the waters saw you, O God,
when the waters saw you, they were afraid;
the very deep trembled.

¹⁷The clouds poured out water;
the skies thundered;
your arrows flashed on every side.

¹⁸The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world;
the earth trembled and shook.

¹⁹ Your way was through the sea,
your path through the mighty waters,
yet your footprints were unseen.

²⁰ You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Second Reading: 2 King 2;1-2 6-12 Elijah Ascends to Heaven

² Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³ The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

⁴ Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵ The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰ He responded, “You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:51-62

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, ⁵³ but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?”^[a] ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then^[b] they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹ To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ And Jesus^[c] said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹ Another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶² And Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Response: May God give us understanding of the word

Preaching:

Hymn 654 When love is found and hope comes home

- 1 When love is found and hope comes home,
sing and be glad that two are one.
When love explodes and fills the sky,
praise God and share our Maker's joy.

- 2 When love has flower'd in trust and care
build both each day that love may dare
to reach beyond home's warmth and light,
to serve and strive for truth and right.

- 3 When love is tried as loved ones change,
hold still to hope though all seems strange,
till ease returns and love grows wise
through list'ning ears and opened eyes.

- 4 When love is torn and trust betrayed,
pray strength to love till torments fade,
till lovers keep no score of wrong,
but hear through pain love's Easter song.

- 5 Praise God for love, praise God for life,
in age or youth, in calm or strife.
Lift up your hearts! Let love be fed
through death and life in broken bread.

Our Response To God's Word

Prayers of the people

Prayers for our offerings

Hymn 569

Guide me O thou great Redeemer

1 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain
whence the living waters flow:
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield
be thou still my strength and shield.

Interlude between verses 2 & 3

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction;
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Text: William Williams (1717-91)

Benediction: Jesus said: , the Holy Spirit , the strengthener and comforter, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not **be afraid**.

And so in faith we can say: May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ”

Blessing: The Grace of God, Love of Jesus and Fellowship of Holy Spirit live within each of us now and ever more

Postlude Nun Danket Alle Gott
 Sigfrid Karg-Elert



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