



EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood

21st June 2020

**WELCOME TO ALL WHO ARE WITH US FOR THE FIRST TIME.
MAY YOU EXPERIENCE GOD'S PRESENCE AS WE FIND DIFFERENT WAYS
TO WORSHIP AND BE COMMUNITY**

21st June 8.00am Worship **service via Zoom**

9.30am Worship

Nicholas Fried

Matthew 10: 24-39

'Uniting - in solidarity with people on the margins of society'

联合教会--与社会边缘的人们团结一致

연합- 사회의 소외된 사람들과 연합

Sermon and Bible reading audio available on website

Youtube link for video sermon and readings

<https://youtu.be/-WwRe3LyKkM>

2.00pm Chinese Service online Wechat group

28th June 8.00am Worship **service via Zoom**

John Court

9.30am Worship

Nicholas Fried

Matthew 10: 40-42

'Faith is not blind – faith is an allegiance to God's love'

信仰不是盲目的，信仰是对上帝之爱的维护

믿음은 눈 먼 것이 이다- 믿음은 예수님 사랑에 대한 헌신이다

Sermon and Bible reading audio will be available on website

Youtube link for video sermon and readings to be advised

2.00pm Chinese Service online Wechat group

**Monday 22 June is the 43rd Anniversary of the inauguration of the
Uniting Church in Australia**

欢迎所有第一次来参加崇拜的朋友们。

希望你们在和我们一起来崇拜的时候感受到上帝的存在。

유나이팅 교회에 처음 방문해주신 모든 분들을 환영합니다. 함께 예배하는 가운데 살아계신 주님을 만나고 돌아갈 수 있길 소망합니다.

Nicholas has returned to work on a 50% basis, this arrangement is to continue until 15 July.

WORSHIP RESOURCES Bible readings and sermons for Sunday will be available by audio, on the church's website along with a video link. You can go to Youtube and type 'Eastwood Uniting Church' in the search bar to find the current worship service and past weeks services. Printed copies will be delivered to those without internet access.

The Assembly website has a list of livestreaming and online worship services. <https://assembly.uca.org.au/resources/ministry-during-covid-19>

PASTORAL CARE. Please continue to keep connected with each other by phone, email, and text.

RE-OPENING CHURCH PREMISES - SAFETY PLAN Synod has stipulated that **every group** that either meets in the name of Eastwood Uniting Church (including Bible studies in a home) or uses the Church premises for any activity, **must provide Church Council with a safety plan** that complies with regulations and guidelines set out by both the NSW Government and the NSW/ACT Synod. Safety plans will be forwarded to Presbytery. Complying with all the current regulations is very complex and expensive. Until further notice the Church buildings remain closed. More information about Synod's updates is available on our website under "other resources".

UCASE will meet at 2pm on Sunday 21st June via Zoom. This is our local Uniting Church social justice group – 'Uniting Church Action for Society and Environment'. We meet as a group from the congregations of Epping, West Epping, Eastwood and Beecroft. More details from Marion 0423355759.

'PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS'

Merrill B

Jason M

Sue H.

Margaret S

Pat E.

Liz M's mother Katy

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

No worship services or activities are able to be held at the church until further notice.

2PM CHINESE SERVICE use WeChat to maintain relationships and support. There is an online church prayer meeting at 10.30am every Friday and also online 2pm worship service every Sunday. All welcome, please call Tennyson 0411896274 for any inquiry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH. Sunday School and Youth Group have moved ONLINE. Sunday School meets at 2pm each Sunday using Zoom and Youth Group, fortnightly on Sundays at 4pm. We are catching up with each other, playing games, and learning from a bible passage. All are welcome to join. Please contact Janine or the church office via phone or email, so that we can send you the link.

BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM will meet next Thursday at 8pm. We will be looking at Psalm 13, which John Court will lead, and Matthew 10: 40-42, which Nicholas will lead. If you wish to join the Zoom meeting please contact the church office for the Zoom log in.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING

Weekly envelopes for the next financial year are now available. They are being delivered to current users. If you would like to start using weekly envelopes or start using direct debit or switch to direct debit for your giving, please contact Andrew Weatherburn or the church office. For direct transfers the congregation account details are on the back page of the notices.



During this time of the church's closure, many thanks for the thoughtfulness of people who have found ways to deposit funds to the congregation's bank account, or sent cheques to the PO Box. Your generosity and caring are very helpful at this time.

JOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Church Council would like to thank everyone for voting in the JNC election and can confirm that all six nominees, Phil Looby, Emma Jarvis, Janine Joannou, Catherine Leal, John Brunton and Edward Lin, have been elected by the Congregation to be our members of the JNC for the call of a new minister for Eastwood Uniting Church. We are awaiting Presbytery to nominate their members and chairperson for the JNC.



SOCIAL ZOOM each Friday at 7.30pm Janinne organises a 'Social Catchup' on Zoom. It is a very relaxed meeting. If you would like to join please contact Janine on jgjoannou@optusnet.com.au for the Zoom log in.

CONGRATULATIONS to Liam and Heather Miller (previously UC Macquarie Uni Chaplain) on the birth of Dulcie on Monday 8th June. A sister to Shoshanna.



POSITIONS VACANT

2 POSITIONS VACANT at Northern Beachers Uniting Church.

Youth Pastor: A part time position 15 hours per week.

Officer Coordinator & Engagement Officer: part time position 23 hours p/ week over 3 days. Vital support role for emerging spiritual hub. For full job descriptions, please contact the Communications Officer, Stephanie La Greca on: comms.nbuc@gmail.com.

INSIGHTS MAGAZINE Winter Edition is now available.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Liz Moran

Maria Allerdice

Tuesday

Friday

23rd June

26th June

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE. If you would like to prepare prayers to be included in next week's news sheet, or future weeks, the office would love to hear from you. It's an opportunity to share with one another while we cannot meet together. Prayers can be sent to the office anytime before Thursday afternoon to allow time for printing and distribution.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS - 'DEAR GOD'

Dear God
must we always see
you as a God
enclosed in mystery

Your love we've known
Your son we have been shown
Yet there seems the tender
in leaving explaining alone.

We need hope
to not call you a joke.
We want to be
your victory.

If only we
could still love
in charity
and be rewarded from above

If only we could hope
for a 'new normal'
and not lose hope
in not seeing the 'new normal'.

So much loneliness
that seems just to be unresolved
self doubt from loneliness
and wanting the nonsense
resolved.

Why is it in reaching out
we forget about
our own problems
like it's okay to not 'own our
problems'

but in coming together
to meet together
it's hard to
get our head off problems too?

I guess it's your sovereignty
and it's okay, you blame not me.
Although it's hard to be 'so' happy
I'm finding the happy and beauty
in depending on you utterly.

Forgive us when we falter
and help us have faith and trust in
you!
There is still so much to be grateful
for
the small - that makes it worth it
all!

written by Elizabeth Cotton

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PRAYER FOR THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

(A prayer written by UCA President Dr Deidre Palmer)

Gracious and loving God,
We thank you for the Uniting Church in Australia,
for the ways your Spirit empowers us to participate in your liberating mission in the world.

You call us to be your Pilgrim People, responsive to your leading,
as we witness to your reconciling love in our communities.

At this time in our life as the Uniting Church,
May your Holy Spirit weave us together as the Body of Christ,
a community of grace and hope.

Renew and strengthen us as your Church –
Where there is hurt and pain,
bring your comfort and healing.

Where we have caused hurt to one another,
bring forgiveness and reconciliation.

Where our community and unity are strained,
give us patience to listen to one another,
to see your presence in one another,
and to love our sisters and brothers in Christ, as you have first loved us.

Where there is uncertainty and confusion,
bring your guidance and light.

Lead us forward in ways that are faithful to your mission in the world.

We pray for our Congregations and Faith Communities,
that they may be a source of your healing, hope, compassion and love,
and welcoming and hospitable places to worship and serve.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, fill us with passion for Christ's mission,
so that we will be courageous bearers of God's good news of love,
justice and healing in your world.

Through Christ we pray. Amen.

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“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.”
Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

TIME OUT

What is there to shout
from the rooftops about
quite a lot

In time I've found
faith is the way
to be sound
and to let God have his way.

And maybe
accepting the mystery
is still what's good
for you and me

Not only in circumstance
but in every chance
to find good
and love as we should.

And in not having
an answer
we may have
an answer.

So many want
something good
to come out from the want
we're suffering—from doing good?

What if this isn't
some great unjust
thing
we conquer with blessing

What if it's a test
to do our best
to find
what to really mind

to love and laugh
when the training seems too tough
knowing we are enough
in Christ is still good stuff

by Elizabeth Cotton

A song of reconciliation

Tune: Sing hosanna TIS 52

1 Let us sing to the God of the covenant,
 God who rescued the slaves from fear,
 God who says to us, — you are my people
 you shall love as I have first loved you.

*Chorus: Covenant people! Covenant people!
 Worship now the God of steadfast love.
 Peace and justice, faithful living,
 bring among us now we pray.*

2 Let us sing of the Word dwelling with us,
 naming outcasts his family,
 humbly taking the form of a servant,
 giving life to us in bread and wine.

Chorus

3 We will live by the law of the covenant —
 love, respect, solidarity;
 black and white, hand in hand is our motto,
 different ways, but one dream, one God.

Chorus

4 Love shall cast out all fear from among us,
 love defeat racist hate and wrong;
 love shall heal ancient hurts, broken spirits,
 love shall fan the dying coals to life.

Chorus

5 Christ was raised, giving hope of a new start.
 Spirit gives life to all who grieve.
 God shall yet rule this land with a people
 reconciled, and with the earth at peace.

Chorus

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God of justice**Source 4: 1818**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3NeIRb1LY4>

1 God of justice, Saviour to all,
 came to rescue the weak and the poor;
 chose to serve and not be served.
 Jesus, you have called us.
 Freely we've received, now freely we will give.

*Chorus: We must go, live to feed the hungry;
 stand beside the broken, we must go.
 Stepping forward, keep us from just singing,
 move us into action, we must go.*

2 To act justly every day,
 loving mercy in every way;
 walking humbly before you, God.
 You have shown us what you require.
 Freely we've received, now freely we will give.

Fill us up and send us out,
 fill us up and send us out,
 fill us up and send us out, Lord. x2

Chorus:

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Church anniversary**Singing a New Song volume 4: 84**

Tune: Wareham TIS 124 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_S_gy3xxlg

1 We celebrate our church today;
 we come in praise; we come to
 pray;
 this time for us can truly be

3 This annivers'ry brings to mind
 the words of Jesus "Seek and
 find."
 Let us then seek his ministry,

2 This annivers'ry is a sign
 that points to endless love divine,
 it points to dreams of pioneers
 and strong resolve throughout
 past years.

4 We celebrate our church today
 believing Jesus is 'The Way',
 the way to venture forth with zeal
 and show the world that love is
 real.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

What are issues of injustice that you identify in Australia?

你在澳大利亚发现了什么不公正的问题?

당신이 호주에서 알고 있는 부정에 관한 이슈들은 무엇인가?

How does Jesus call you to disrupt the status quo?

耶稣是如何号召你去打断现状的?

예수는 현재의 상태를 없애기 위해서 당신을 어떻게 부르고 있는가?

What does it mean for you to take up your cross today?

拿起你的十字架在当今对你意味着什么?

당신이 오늘날 당신의 십자가를 지는 것이 무엇을 의미하는가?

In what ways is this image of life with Christ comforting? frightening? costly?

这种与基督的生活想象在什么方式下会觉得舒适? 害怕? 代价高昂?

그리스도와 함께하는 이런 이미지가 어떻게 위로를 하고? 공포를 주고
땀가를 치르고 있는가?

How is God present with those who expose injustice and disrupt the status quo?

上帝是如何与那些披露不公正并中断现状的人们同在的?

하나님이 어떻게 부정의에 처해있는 사람들과 현 상태를 없애는 사람들에 나타나시는가?

How can your community bring injustices into the light?

你的社区可以如何给不公平带来光明?

당신의 공동체는 어떻게 부정들을 빛속으로 가져 갈 수가 있는가?

How can you stand in solidarity with those most impacted by injustices?

你可以如何与那些最受不公正影响的人们团结一起?

당신은 부정에 의해 가장 영향을 주었던 연대들에 어떻게 같이 할 수있는가?

Is your ultimate loyalty to you household/ family or to Jesus?

你的终极忠诚是对你的家庭/家族或者耶稣?

당신의 최종 충성은 가족/친지 인가 아니면 예수인가?

Can silence or inaction ever be justified?

沉默或者不作为是否可以被证明有理?

침묵과 비행동이 정당화 될수가 있는가?

When have you found it easier to say or do nothing than speak or act in solidarity with people experiencing injustice?

你何时发现相较于与那些经历不公正的人们站在一边，不说或不作其实更容易?

당신은 부정을 경험하고 있는 사람들과 연대하여 말하거나 행동하는 것 보다 말이나 아무 행동을 하지 않는 것이 언제 더 쉬운 것을 알았나?

We are all ministers in Christ's name

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Please send all notices to the Office



Mission: Witness to the gospel and spread the good news of Jesus Christ in word and action.

Vision: Engage and connect with our diverse community through active discipleship.

Values: Visible 可見的 비전을 가질 수가 있고
 Inclusive 包容的 포괄적이 될 수있고
 Relevant 相关的 적절하고
 Active 积极的 역동적이 될 것이다

LECTIONARY READINGS:

June 21 Pentecost 3: Gn 21:8-21, Ps 86:1-10,16-17, Rom 6:1b-11
 Mt 10:24-39

Jun 22 UCA Anniversary Ez 37:15-28' Ps 122' Heb 13:1-8, Jn 17:20-26

Jun 28 Pentecost 4: Gn 22:1-14, Ps 13, Rom 6:12-23, Mt 10:40-42

WEEKLY NOTICES, and **SUNDAY SERVICES** for Eastwood are available for viewing on our website. So, if you are away on any Sunday you can catch up at www.euc.org.au

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