



EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood

28th 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**

- 28th June 8.00am Worship **service via Zoom** John Court
- 9.30am Worship Nicholas Fried
Matthew 10: 40-42 and Psalm 13
'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 available on website
Youtube link for video sermon and readings
https://youtu.be/h99ies_c_IU
- 2.00pm Chinese Service online Wechat group
- 5th July 8.00am Worship **service via Zoom** Jason Masters
- 9.30am Worship Nicholas Fried
Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30
'A love that creates community'
爱可以创建社区
공동체를 형성하는 사랑
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

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 are 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. Chris Wakefield has kindly agreed to be our contact person with Synod on behalf of Church Council. **ALL** groups are required to complete and submit a safety plan to Church Council. 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".

INSIGHTS MAGAZINE Winter Edition is now available.

MODERATOR'S ANNIVERSARY VIDEO 2020 can be viewed using this link: <https://vimeo.com/430580314#at=8>

'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 prayer meeting at 10.30am on Fridays and an online worship service every Sunday at 2pm. 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 Matthew 11: 16-30. If you wish to join the Zoom meeting please contact the church office for the Zoom log in.



SOCIAL ZOOM each Friday at 7.30pm Janine organises a 'Social Catchup' on Zoom. It is a very relaxed meeting. If you would like to join 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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Adam Ferris

Monday

29th June

Kiah Westlund

Monday

29th June

JOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEE. 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE. If you would like to prepare prayers for the news sheet, the office would love to hear from you. It's an opportunity to share with one another while we cannot meet together.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS - from Marion Gledhill.

Loving God, we are amazed that you call us your children!

We are amazed that you live in us – in some mysterious way that we cannot fully understand.

We are amazed and thankful that in you, we are part of a wider community – a community of all who follow Jesus, stretching back to the earliest disciples and linking us with others all over the world.

Help us to be more aware that when we do what is right and kind, we do it not as ourselves, but in your name.

Help us to turn away from ourselves and join in service of others as part of the wider community of prophets, witnesses and disciples who live out your grace in the world.

Strengthen us to be obedient to your will, willing to freely choose the path of your grace.

Help us to trust that you travel with us as we follow the way of Jesus.

God, we know that the coronavirus pandemic continues to claim lives throughout the world. We pray for the countries with escalating numbers of cases - Brazil, Iraq, India and the US. May your wisdom be found in all who lead and make decisions for the health and wellbeing of their nations.

Bless health workers with your strength and grace. Heal those who are ill with the virus, and comfort those who grieve the loss of loved ones.

We pray for churches re-opening, or struggling with when and how to do this. We pray for church members who long to gather again, and we thank you for new ways we have found to worship, to learn and to care for one another.

God, as the 'Black Lives Matter' movement continues to challenge us, we pray that racial discrimination, whether carried out consciously or unconsciously, will cease.

We pray for people of colour all over the world who experience discrimination, particularly in the US at this time.

We pray for Aboriginal Australians. Encourage all of us to learn more about their history and to seek to deepen our understanding of all they have suffered since 1988.

Lord God, bring us together as one, reconciled, healed, forgiven, sharing you with others as you have called us to do.

In Jesus Christ, let us be together as one. Amen.

The World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle call us to pray today for Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda

God, we are thankful for:

- how the churches in Sudan and in South Sudan, as well as Ecumenical Network Sudan, have consistently pursued peace processes, healing and reconciliation in these war-ravaged countries
- those who work to bring justice for the victims of genocide and war crimes, including the International Criminal Court
- the many who carry out humanitarian work in these countries and who settle those who are displaced
- the economic progress and peacebuilding that has occurred in Uganda, and for effective measures to curb the spread of HIV and AIDS.

We pray for:

- a cessation of ethnic animosities and violence, and increased understanding between ethnic and religious groups
- an end to the rape and practices of genital mutilation of girls and women
- governments to respect the will and best interests of their people and the human rights of all
- natural resources to be preserved and the land saved from further desertification.

Receive our prayers, in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen

**WE HAVE BEEN CALLED, NEVER FOR OUR OWN,
BUT FOR CHRIST'S SAKE**

The celebration of forty-three years is neither a noteworthy birthday, nor an anniversary of particular moment. The importance of our Uniting Church anniversary is not the number, but the reminder of why God called us to unite, and the purpose for which God has called us.

As our community and our world try to navigate the new paths bulldozed by COVID 19, we are also caught up in the vital and ongoing crisis of racism. People are trying to distance themselves socially, while seeking to register their voice and presence about how we must give value to the majority of the world's population – those who are not fair-skinned.

As Jesus' disciples, we are in the midst of this. We must be.

It is not simply about missing each other in our congregations. It is far more than debates about whether or not we can sing when we gather. It is about the witness that we bear.

The Church's call is to serve that end: to be a fellowship of reconciliation, a body within which the diverse gifts of its members are used for the building up of the whole, an instrument through which Christ may work and bear witness to himself. Basis of Union, Para. 3

The one we follow, Jesus Christ, leads us into the midst of the community in which we live. So we are called to stand with all who experience the obscenity of racism, and stand before all those who would seek to decry its potent weight. When someone asserts that #BlackLivesMatter, we challenge those who would parse the language to avoid responsibility, and seek to raise the voices of those whose lives are accustomed to being silenced.

When Jesus Christ died and was raised for each and every person in history, the last became the first.

While we learn what our renovated social life looks like, avoiding handshakes and hugs with our serially-washed hands, we must address deeper concerns – caring for the frail and elderly in our community, learning again how to live and celebrate and grieve and worship – because fear and anger bear fruit faster than reason or science.

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We will attend to those for whom home was unsafe; we will support those for whom isolation resulted in brokenness, or despair; we will live out justice and compassion for those who felt discarded, or lost when a virus changed everything.

We bear witness as a community which offers hospitality and mercy, which is precisely how we found life in Jesus Christ.

Our Church was formed during the Cold War, just after the war in Vietnam had ended. The world was changing rapidly, and the worldwide church was facing headwinds for which it was not prepared. The Australian political landscape was scarred from the dismissal of the Whitlam Government, and we were facing waves of refugees, born of our catastrophic misadventure in South East Asia.

The last, first. Voices for those silenced. Valuing those who appear different. Hospitality. Mercy.

A community in which Christ may work and bear witness to himself.

A risky, costly, wonderful calling.

Some of us might dream that we could return to what church and life were like before the virus. More of us might want to seek refuge within our church and close our eyes and hearts to those whose lives are beyond our doors. A few of us might even wish to travel back four decades and start again (or not start at all!)

We find our life neither in shelter, nor in nostalgia. We find our life in one place – Jesus Christ.

Our Uniting Church finds its life when it “preaches Christ the risen crucified One and confesses him as Lord to the glory of God the Father”. We have been called, never for our own, but for Christ’s sake.

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

May you discover the new life to which Christ calls you, each and every day.

Rev. Simon Hansford

The Moderator, Uniting Church Synod of NSW and ACT

Our Mission and Vision
(As we contemplate our mission)

Singing a New Song volume 2: 70
 Tune Austria TIS 93

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| <p>1 As we contemplate our mission,
 As we look beyond today,
 As we try to live our vision,
 Follow Jesus in his way;
 In our fellowship we treasure
 All the gifts and skills we share;
 As we live and grow together
 Christ is honoured when we care.</p> <p>2 When we gather we would
 welcome
 All who wish to join our cause;
 Human bound'ries have no power;
 We fling open all our doors.
 With a harmony of purpose
 Which transcends both class and
 race,
 We proclaim the life of Jesus
 And bear witness to God's grace.</p> | <p>3 Reconciliation happens
 In communities of care;
 Lives transform and people alter,
 Destinies can change with prayer;
 As we open to God's leading
 We can feel the Spirit move;
 Ancient truths and new
 awareness
 Give us challenge to improve.</p> <p>4 We are salt to give a flavour,
 And a light upon a stand;
 We are set upon a hilltop
 And are seen throughout the
 land;
 So our love must be inclusive
 Given fully, given free;
 For the Lord whom we all follow
 Shows what love can do and be.</p> |
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Come, Now Is The Time To Worship

The Source volume 2:662

Come, now is the time to worship.
 Come, now is the time to give your heart.
 Come, just as you are to worship.
 Come, just as you are before your God, come.

One day ev'ry tongue will confess you are God,
 one day ev'ry knee will bow.
 Still, the greatest treasure remains
 for those who gladly choose you now.

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Brian Doerksen

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Brother, sister, let me serve you

Together in Song 650

1 Brother, sister, let me serve you,
 let me be as Christ to you;
 pray that I may have the grace to
 let you be my servant too.

4 I will weep when you are weeping;
 when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
 I will share your joy and sorrow
 till we've seen this journey through.

2 We are pilgrims on a journey
 and companions on the road;
 we are here to help each other
 walk the mile and bear the load.

When we sing to God in heaven
 we shall find such harmony,
 born of all we've known together
 of Christ's love and agony.

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
 in the night-time of your fear;
 I will hold my hand out to you,
 speak the peace you long to hear.

6 Brother, sister, let me serve you,
 let me be as Christ to you;
 pray that I may have the grace to
 let you be my servant too.

Richard Gillard 1953-

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=07FBSrx5Oq4>

Called as partners in Christ's service

Tune: Hyfrydol TIS 217 (i)

- 1 Called as partners in Christ's service,
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment;
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring;
to fulfil God's chosen end.
- 2 Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer;
all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together;
gracious gifts from God enfold.
- 3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,
in a small or global sense,
let us bear each other's burdens,
breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action;
make us colleagues, free and fair.
- 4 So God grant us for tomorrow,
ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving
hope and confidence and peace.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

What impact did a simple act of hospitality have on you?

简单的好客行为对你产生了什么影响?

어떤 영향이 당신에게 환대의 단순한 행동을 하게 했는가?

What kinds of fears might prevent you from loving people on the margins of society?

什么样的恐惧可能会阻止你去爱社会边缘人群?

어떠한 두려움이 당신이 사회의 소외된 사람들을 사랑하는 것을 방해 하는가?

What do you think Jesus means by “little ones”?

你认为耶稣说的“小人物”是什么意思?

예수가 “작은 사람들” 이 의미하는 것은 무엇이라 생각하는가?

Who would the “little ones” be today in Australia?

在当今的澳大利亚什么人 是“小人物”?

오늘날 호주에서 “작은자들”은 누구일까?

how do you feel about being a legally designated representative of Jesus?

你对成为一名法律上指定的耶稣代表是怎么想的?

예수의 법적으로 지정된 대표인이 된다는 것에 대해 어떻게 느끼는가?

We are all ministers in Christ's name

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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 相關的 적절하고
 Active 積極的 역동적이 될 것이다

LECTIONARY READINGS:

Jun 28 Pentecost 4: Gn 22:1-14, Ps 13, Rom 6:12-23, Mt 10:40-42
 July 5 Pentecost 5: Gn 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67, Ps 45:10-17 or
 Song 2:8-13, Rom 7:15-25a, Mt 11:16-19, 25-30

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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