



EASTWOOD UNITING CHURCH

14 - 16 Lakeside Road, Eastwood

12 July 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**

- 12th July 8.00am Worship **service via Zoom** Steve Kemp
- 9.30am Holy Communion Nicholas Fried
Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23
'Behaving as though there is no tomorrow!'
要好像没有明天那样去表现!
내일이 없는 것 처럼 행동하기
Sermon and Bible reading audio available on website
Youtube link for video sermon and readings
https://youtu.be/TrA_A-XpvGY
2.00pm Chinese Service online Wechat group
- 19th July 8.00am Worship **service via Zoom**
- 9.30am Worship Nicholas Fried
Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43
馬太福音 13: 24-30, 36-43
마태복음 13: 24-30, 36-43
'The world of today...and the world of tomorrow'
当今的世界与明天的世界
오늘의 세상.. 그리고 내일의 세상
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.

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".

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.

'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.

CONTINUING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UMBRELLA GROUP has planned 4 Wednesday evenings for online input and discussion. Wednesdays 22 and 29 July will focus is on the book of *Judith*. Wednesdays 5 and 12 August will be on the *Song of Songs*. Each session starts at 8 p.m. Outline notes and discussion questions will be emailed/ distributed prior to each evening. Please contact the office to express interest in participating. For more information please contact Nicholas

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Thursday 16th July. Please remember them in your prayers.

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.

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.

INSIGHTS MAGAZINE Winter Edition is now available.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING

Weekly envelopes for this financial year are now available. They have been 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

Eloise Hird
Emma Jarvis

Today
Monday

12th July
13th July

UNITING'S CLIMATE PASTORAL CARE CONFERENCE: CHRISTIAN TRAINING IN CARE, COMMUNICATION & ACTION Register at www.unitingearth.org.au/climate-conference/ for this year's conference (30 July - 1 August) online via ZOOM. Thursday evening, Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Cost is \$30 for the full 3 sessions. Contact Jon O'Brien 9407 3225, jobrien@uniting.org or Dee Davidian 0468 584 071 ddavidian@uniting.org in the Uniting Advocacy team.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

From Marion Gledhill.

Gracious God, we lift our hearts to you.
Open our eyes to see what is around us,
and grant us your provisions,
that we may stretch out our hands
to those who thirst physically and spiritually.



Caring God, we know COVID is not overcome yet, and is multiplying across the world.

Here in Sydney we feel a bit more relaxed now, even while we continue to observe distancing and hygiene requirements. Thank you for strangers who smile at us in the street, and for neighbours who make friendly enquiries about our welfare.

We pray for

- Melbournians and others in Victoria struggling to cope with lockdown again
- people suffering mental health issues because of isolation
- people seeking asylum and others on temporary protection visas who have no income
- charities struggling to help those who miss out on government support
- families where violence takes place, made worse in these times
- those who are grieving, and those who are desperately lonely
- leaders of our nation, states and territories, seeking to control any spread of the virus from Victoria.

- leaders and people of Indonesia, India, Pakistan, Brazil, the United States, Mexico and other nations where the virus is multiplying
 - leaders and people of Spain, Ireland, Israel and El Salvador where lockdowns are being extended or reinstated to keep a lid on the spread of the deadly pandemic.

Grant them all, we pray, guidance, strength, wisdom, peace – and may friends, colleagues and neighbours offer them care and support.

Help *us*, we pray, when we feel the burdens of life and wonder if we can cope.

May we believe and trust that you share our burdens and you will give us the strength to handle the responsibilities we face.

Bless those we love and care for.

Thank you for leaders and others in the Church who offer insights about learning from these times, and discerning what can be continued into a more normal future.

Guide and help the Church Council of Eastwood Uniting Church as they work through many difficult issues.

Bless Nicholas and Tennyson, and our congregational pastoral carers. May their words and prayers be encouraging and helpful.

The World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle calls us to pray this week with and for the people and churches in **Djibouti and Somalia**.

We are **thankful** for:

- the beauty of Creation and resources from lands and sea
- the stable governance and economic development that Djibouti has experienced in recent years

the many ways churches and humanitarian organizations have prayed for and responded to the needs in Somalia.

We **pray** for:

- protection of natural resources and coastal land
- an end to hunger, violence, crime and conflict in Somalia
- effective reconciliation and peace-building
- stable governments that further the common good for all the people
- those who have fled this area that they may be welcomed in new homelands.

In Jesus name. Amen.

Hope for the world's despair

1 Hope for the world's despair:
 we feel the nations' pain;
 can anything repair
 this broken earth again?
 For this we pray:
 in every place
 a spark of grace
 to light the way.

2 Wisdom for all who bear
 the future in their hand,
 entrusted with the care
 of this and every land.
 When comes the hour,
 O Lord, we pray,
 inspire the way
 we spend our power.

Tune: Love unknown TIS 341

3 Love for the human heart:
 when hate grows from our fears
 and inwardly we start
 to turn our ploughs to spears.
 Help us to sow
 love's precious seed
 in word and deed,
 that peace may grow.

Ally Barrett

Winner of Jubilate's Hymns of Peace competition 2018, to mark the centenary of Armistice Day and the end of the First World War.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6v94kQBkcu0>

For the fruits of his creation**Source volume 2: 685**

Tune Ar hyd y nos TIS 168

- 1 For the fruits of his creation,
thanks be to God;
for his gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.

- 2 In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done.
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

- 3 For the harvests of his Spirit,
thanks be to God.
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xK8EpeS0jyo>

Conquering fear**Singing a New Song volume 1: 57**

Tune: Regent Square TIS 142

- 1 As we contemplate our future,
as we look beyond today,
many fearful thoughts and feelings
hinder us along the way.
Worry grips us;
fear torments us.
Through it all God's love holds sway.

- 2 Fear controls, restricts, imprisons;
binds the spirit, rules the mind;
fear forbids the spread of insight;
causes gloom, misleads the blind.
In God's love
is perfect freedom.
We can leave our fears behind.

- 3 Jesus shows us in His person
God's own love revealed so clear;
love is present; God is with us
not to punish; not severe.
He displays
God's loving nature,
and that love casts out our fear.

- 4 Like the birds released from cages,
soaring to great heights unknown;
like the growth and life exploding
when a tiny seed is sown;
courage blossoms;
hope grows deeper
when God's love is felt and known.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

What do you think of the sower's methods of scattering seeds?

你是怎么看待播种者播撒种子之方式的?

씨앗을 뿌리는 씨뿌리는 자의 방법들에 대해 어떻게 생각하나?

How have you spent/ used your time during Covid-19?

你在新冠病毒疫情期间是如何使用你的时间的?

코비드-19 기간동안 당신은 시간을 어떻게 보내고/사용하고 있는가?

How have you 'wasted' time during Covid-19?

你在新冠病毒疫情期间是否有“浪费”时间?

코비드 19동안 시간을 '낭비' 했는가?

How do you understand God's 'economy of abundance'?

你是如何理解上帝的“丰足经济”的?

하나님의 풍부한 경제를 어떻게 이해하는가?

What examples in your life speak of God's wasteful love and grace?

你生活中有什么例子说明了上帝之挥霍无度的爱与恩惠?

당신의 삶에 있어서 어떠한 예들이 하나님의 다 써버리는 사랑과 은혜에 대해 말하고 있는가?

How can you enable people to experience God's love and grace?

你可以如何使人们去感受上帝之爱与恩惠?

당신은 사람들이 하나님의 사랑과 은혜를 어떻게 경험하게 할 수 있는가?

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 수 있고
 Relevant 相關的 적절하고
 Active 積極的 역동적이 될 것이다

LECTIONARY READINGS:

July 12 Pentecost 6: Gn 25:19-34, Ps 119:105-112, Rom 8:1-11, Mt 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19 Pentecost7: Gn 28:10-19a, Ps 139:1-12, 23-24, Rom 8:12-25, Mt 13:24-30, 36-43

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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