



**PAYNEHAM ROAD
UNITING CHURCH
17 May 2020**



EASTER 6

Readings for today—Psalm 66:8-20*

This psalm addresses the age-old question, often asked in the midst of suffering: "Why did you let this happen, God?" The psalmist claims that God has let other people test the people of Israel; they are trapped in a net, carrying heavy burdens, wading through water and racing through fire. God is to blame for their difficult situation. Accusations like these are heard in our own time, too. God is seen as being to blame when things go wrong. Yet the psalmist places these accusations into a context of praise and blessing. The people of Israel are encouraged to bless God, praise God, make offerings to God, cry out to God, extol God with their tongues, and use their ears to listen to what God says. The difficulties and sufferings encountered are framed within this setting of faith. The prayers of faithful people have been heard. God's steadfast love has not been removed. The psalm encourages us to "reframe"-to set our immediate difficulties and trials into the larger context of hope, promise, and steadfast love. That is what God offers.

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BIBLE READINGS for May 17 2020 Easter 6

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:1-21

The liturgical colour for Easter is WHITE

White symbolises purity, holiness, and virtue, as well as respect and reverence. White is used for all high Holy Days and festival days of the Church Year, especially the seasons of Christmas and Easter, as well as for baptism, marriage, dedications, and in some traditions for the ordination of ministers. In some church traditions it is also used for funerals as a symbol of the resurrection.

Worship Service via Zoom live

Payneham Road Uniting Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Payneham Road Uniting Church Sunday Worship 17 May 2020

Time: 9:30 am Adelaide (service starts 10 am)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81416943299>

Meeting ID: **814 1694 3299** (no password needed)



You can also click on the invite on the home page of our Website:

<http://paynehamroaduc.org.au/>

Zoom Worship 5th Sunday of May.

Rev. Mark Schultz is happy to preach on Sunday the 31 of May. He was scheduled at Payneham Road (24 May) before COVID-19 and he is willing to change to the 5th Sunday of May.

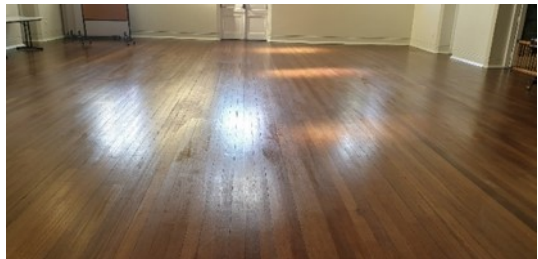
Jessica could organize the worship via Zoom, but you are more than welcome to suggest hymns and prayers to Do Young as he will be preparing the order of service with Mark

The Zoom link will be available in 2 weeks.

Hall Floor

Thank you for refreshing the surface of the PRUC Hall floor, **Dennis and Amir**.

We are hoping to have a morning tea after we return to normal worship and hopefully we will be able to hire out our hall.



MESSAGE FROM DO YOUNG

If someone asks me, what is your prayer point? I could answer, "As a minister, I will pray for the church that I am serving. And as a person, I am praying for my two daughters." I mean, how can I pass the Christian faith on to my kids? It is my great concern because they will be faced with the challenge that I didn't have. That's something that we couldn't even imagine in this world. It is absolutely difficult to maintain faith in God. Now I am realising how quickly time passes by, so I don't want to lose that, but Dana and I are preparing in prayer for several scenarios.

Last Saturday afternoon, Hayeon and Haryne helped me to deliver the order of service and the newsletter. Particularly, Haryne (little one) was so excited to meet church members and enjoyed calling their names. I was so glad to have time with her that day. I have to say thank you to those who welcomed her with your smiles. She became more and more excited. I believe she had a wonderful experience with it.

As I drove back home, I recalled my childhood. I remember, when I was a little boy, I don't know whether it was in the church service or in one of a home devotional time, I still remember my mother singing the hymn vividly.

My Mother's Bible - There's a dear and precious book (Author: M. B. Williams)

There's a dear and precious book,
Though it's worn and faded now
Which recalls those happy days of long ago;
When I stood at mother's knee with her head upon my brow
And I heard her voice in gentle tones and low
Blessed book, precious book, On thy tear-stained leaves I love to look
Thou art sweeter, day by day, As I walk the narrow way
That leads at last to that bright home above.

My mother was singing that hymn, and I was sitting on my her lap. Since then, I have always felt calmly touched whenever I sing that hymn, reminiscing on the short memory of that moment. I pray earnestly that the day will come when my daughters will feel the same emotion. I hope, as they grow and mature, they realises that they have many good memories of the church, and people will always be an important part of their life. There is no doubt I have to be a good father and a good example for them.

The child who heard the hymn on his mother's lap has grown up and prays that my daughters would take over his faith. How beautiful is this family of faith where the faith of the parents has been passed on to them? How beautiful would the heritage of faith be, and how beautiful would God's work be through such an experience?

Children's Page

Dear Parents,

Use this children's message:

Theme: The Holy Spirit is our comforter.

Scripture: John 14:16

Activity: Give them a big hug.



Set up the fan to move and blow over the children. Hand each of the children a piece of streamer to hold as you talk. Allow them to hold it up into the wind when it comes their way.

Today we are going to talk about something you can't see, but you know it's there.

Pretend to just begin feeling the wind. Act surprised and unaware of what you're feeling and what the source of the wind is.

Do you feel that? What is it and where is it coming from? (Allow kids to answer, but keep asking them to provide facts and proof of this wind they do not see.)

So you're convinced there is wind here even though you don't see it? We can't see the wind, but we sure see what it's doing, don't we? I see it blowing some of your streamers, some of your hair is moving, and I also feel much cooler than I did before.

Do you know what this reminds me of in the Bible? (Allow kids to guess.) I'll give you a hint: It's an amazing gift left for us when Jesus returned to heaven to be with His Father. Do you know what it is now? (Allow kids to guess.)

Jesus promised us a helper and that helper is the Holy Spirit. We don't see the Holy Spirit because He lives inside of those of us who make Jesus our Lord and Savior. But just like the wind from the fan today, even though we can't see the Holy Spirit, we know that He brings comfort and help to us.

God, even though we can't see You, we know You are real. We also know Your Holy Spirit is real. Thank You for the comfort You bring us through the gift of Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name, amen.

Source from ; <https://sermons4kids.com/>

Our Church and Church Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR

..... our members & friends struggling with ill health, especially remember in your prayers,: Betty Nunan, Marj Green, Andrew Randall, Ray Williams, Judy Murdoch, Doug Faulkner, Bill & Grace Hancock, Bob & Beth Rankine, Roger Wyatt, Jackie & Ray Gabell, Dennis Henschke, Brenton Taylor, and Val & Cate Watkinson. Also our international students.



Also please pray for Ross Dawson who is suffering from a lung condition.



Felicia Ruth (5th), Cynthia Fleming (19th), Bill Hancock (23rd), Dana Lim (26th)

Please share....

In this time of isolation, it would be lovely if you would share, with other members of the congregation, you feelings, experiences, something sad, something funny.

Email your stories to me or give me a call (leave a message if I don't answer). Sharon.

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Zoom Services

Please encourage others to watch our Zoom service. We have had up to 45 people between Payneham Road UC and Prospect Road UC enjoying our services each week and there's plenty room for more. Please send favourite hymn requests to Do Young.

Updating contact numbers

Bill and Grace Hancock now have a shared mobile phone and email address.

Mobile: **0407 726 714**

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Letter from the General Secretary (13 May 2020)

Link for this letter: <https://unitingchurchsa.cmail20.com/t/ViewEmail/?A91E0DF1A4C99CDD2540EF23F30FEDED/1CDD1A12B8452A10025DA65DC0D0F53A>

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What does this mean for UCA congregations and other ministries in SA?

Step 1 of the recovery package tells us that;

- **places of worship are allowed to open** for small religious gatherings, private worship, small group activities and small meetings, provided that the government requirements and recommendations around physical distancing and hygiene are strictly observed.
- **public worship and other larger services are not permitted** but allows for and encourages the ongoing recording and live streaming for these events.
- A **maximum of 10 people** are able to be onsite at any one time and Congregations must limit the number of people onsite to **1 person per 4 square metres**.

Last Tuesday, 12 May was International Nurses' Day.

Heather received the following email from the Australian College of Nurses.



Dear Heather,

Happy International Nurses Day!

We are delighted to surprise you on this significant day with a special message from Prime Minister The Hon Scott Morrison MP. This is the first time an Australian Prime Minister has addressed nurses on International Nurses Day, highlighting just how crucial nurses are to the health and well-being of our communities.

You can share the video with your colleagues, friends and family via the links to our social media channels below.

https://www.acn.edu.au/international-nurses-day?utm_source=EDM&utm_medium=Individuals&utm_campaign=IND%202020%20-%20PM%20Video&_zs=22IGI&_zl=pqjj1

Whatever you have planned today we hope you take a moment to reflect on the impact you have on countless lives each and every day and feel proud to be a member of our extraordinary profession.

Warm regards,

Your ACN Team

News from Synod via UC E-News

UnitingCare Emergency Relief Centres: the tale of two churches Apr 28, 2020

Two Uniting Church congregations in the North East of Adelaide forge a new partnership and new ways to bring emergency relief to the vulnerable in their community during the COVID-19 crisis.

Respiratory Clinic opens at Athelstone Uniting Church May 12, 2020

A section of Athelstone UC's church facilities has been made available as a Federal Government-funded, GP-led Respiratory Clinic for COVID-19 testing. The new clinic opened yesterday.

UC E-News, reflection of the week.

"Families" can mean many things. They can be our own families, a Church family or families that have invited us in and included us in their lives.

It doesn't necessarily mean a father, mother, brother or sister, but no matter what the relationship, we need to love and to value them. Sometimes in the 'busyness' of our lives we get caught up in the frantic pace of work, play, friends etc and lose sight of the simple, beautiful times that we can share as a family.

These times can be filled with the blessings of children's laughter and playing, as well as loving together.

I need sometimes to take stock and see if the face I show at home is the same face that I show the world - one of patience and tolerance.

I should never forget that the people I know so well and with whom I spend most of my time, deserve the same consideration that I feel I need.

Dear Lord, teach me to plan quiet times to be with my family, times to listen to each other and count our blessings as we experience your love and your peace.

Show me how to slow down and try not to crowd so much into my life as well as the lives of my family.

Just for a Laugh



Not all queue jumpers are bad!

I was in a long line at 7.45 am today at my grocery store, which opens at 8am for seniors only. A young man came from the parking lot and tried to cut in at the front of the line, but an old lady beat him back into the parking lot with her walking cane. He returned and tried to cut in again but an old man punched him in the stomach, then kicked him to the ground and rolled him away. As he approached the line for the third time he said, "If you old codgers don't let me unlock the door, you'll never get in there".

PRAYERS DURING COVID-19

We are invited to pray at 7 pm every night in response to Covid-19. We may only pray for a minute, or for 19 minutes or more, but either way, the message is simple: to seek God for his healing, strength and peace across our nation. We are also called to pray at 1pm for 1 minute for health workers every day. Our health workers are doing an incredible job at looking after those with the virus (and other conditions) and we pray for protection and safety over them as they tend to those who are sick. You can organise a virtual prayer meeting with those around you or pray over the phone with a family member, work colleague or friend.

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