



PAYNEHAM ROAD UNITING CHURCH



21 JUNE 2020

Pentecost 3

21 June, Pentecost 3 Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17

Today we read a very personal prayer in which the psalmist calls for God's attention and help, giving a series of reasons why God should heed his plea. First, his own nature and need: he is poor and needy (v.1), devoted or steadfast v 21. trusting (also v.2), and calls upon God all day long (V.3). Second, the very nature of God, revealed in Israel's history and the psalmist's lifelong experience (v.5). Both verses 5 and 15 look back to God's self-revelation to Moses in Exodus 34:6-7, when God restored the covenant and delivered the Ten Commandments. That passage and this psalm form part of the Jewish liturgy on the public fast days. Verse 8, "None like you among the gods," and verse 10, "You alone are God," parallel Paul's argument in 1 Corinthians 8:5. Judaism emphasizes a practical rather than a doctrinal monotheism, acknowledging the many other spiritual beings (*elohim* in Hebrew) that compete for acknowledgement, loyalty, and worship, but portraying them as being as insignificant as the dust when compared to the God of Israel. Verses 9 and 10 look to the day when all the nations will recognize this reality. TIS 125 The God of Abraham praise, Isaiah 26:1-19

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BIBLE READINGS for Sunday, 28 June. Pentecost 4

Genesis 22:1-14,

Psalm 13

Romans 6:12-23,

Matthew 10:40-42

The liturgical colour for the PENTECOST season is GREEN

Green symbolizes the renewal of vegetation and generally of living things and the promise of new life. It is used for the Season of Epiphany between Transfiguration Sunday and the beginning of Lent, and for Ordinary Time between Trinity Sunday (first Sunday after Pentecost) and the beginning of Advent.

Worship Service via Zoom live

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



Topic: **Sunday Worship**

Date & Time: **21 June, at 9.30am (service 10 am) CST**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82015144276>

Meeting ID: **820 1514 4276** (no password necessary)

You can also click on the invite on the home page of our Website:
<http://paynehamroaduc.org.au/>

DRESS CODE: GREEN



ENTERING THE CHURCH HALL

Please be aware that small groups (i.e. dancing) are slowly starting to return to the hall and you must enter through the side door, sign in and use the hand sanitiser in the side foyer then sign out, again using the sanitiser. If there are other people in the building, please keep safe distancing in mind.

Do not enter in through the kitchen door.

When we return to church we will also do the same in the front foyer of the church.

This is a government requirement .



EVENTS COMING UP IN THE PAYNEHAM ROAD UC CALENDAR

Church Council Meeting—Next meeting will be, Tuesday, 23 June at 6.30 pm, venue TBA. We will review the latest regulations and discuss possible dates to returning to worship service as we slowly go back to the new normal.

VALID POLICE CHECK – FOR CHURCH LEADERS

Must be completed by 30 June, 2020

<https://sa.uca.org.au/safechurch/screening>

Please contact Heather or Do Young if you unsure if you need to complete this.

Coffee, Chat & Craft

Next meeting will be held Thursday, 2 July in the hall.
Please bring your own morning tea and craft.



Returning to Church at Payneham Road UC

Payneham Road UC's first service with Do Young will be 5 July, 2020.

Church Council will be meeting on Tuesday, 23 June and will discuss what will happen on Sunday, 28 June for the Payneham Road UC congregation. Details of what will happen on this date will be confirmed by phone or email after the Council meeting.

As a reminder, there will be no morning tea or Potluck Lunch (on 5th Sundays) after the services until further notice.



Social distance setup—Help is needed in the church

Please let Heather or Do Young know if you can help set up the church after service details are confirmed. Note the guidelines below to be followed. We will discuss how to meet these requirements at Church Council meeting and will confirm details with those who have volunteered to assist.

- 4 sqm per person in any space
- 1.5 m physical distancing
- Strict hygiene particularly in relation to hands and hard surfaces
- A requirement for everyone to sign in and sign out of events and activities

Children's Page

Theme: We are precious in God's sight.

Object: Printed pictures of different kinds of birds; a pair of binoculars

Scripture: Matthew 10:31, Genesis 21:8-21



Dear Parents

What are some hobbies that people enjoy? (Allow time for children to respond.)

Reading, knitting, and photography are popular hobbies. Some people like to build things like model cars or airplanes. Others may enjoy outdoor activities like fishing or hiking. Do you have a hobby? What's your hobby? (Allow time for children to respond.)

Do you think God has a hobby? OK, I know the Bible doesn't tell us that God has a hobby, but if He did, do you know what I think it might be? Bird watching! If I use my imagination, I can see God sitting in heaven with a pair of binoculars. (Look through the binoculars.) Perhaps He has a book with pictures of all the beautiful birds that He has created and He is trying to see how many of them he can find with His binoculars. If I really stretch my imagination, I can even hear Him saying, "There's a Bluebird, and a Cardinal. Oh look, there's an Eagle, a Meadowlark, and a Sparrow." A Sparrow? Of course He would see a Sparrow, there are millions of them. You've seen them -- common, ordinary, brown Sparrows -- but God must have loved them, because He made so many of them.

What birds do you see around the room? (Allow kids to find the birds and say what's unique about each bird.)

One day Jesus was teaching His disciples that they should not be afraid. Jesus said, "Don't be afraid when people threaten you. Two sparrows are sold for a penny, but not a single sparrow falls to the ground without your Father knowing it. So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows."

A sparrow seems like a common bird. It has been said, "God must have loved the common people, because He made so many of them." I don't think that God sees us as common or ordinary. If He did, He would not love us in such an uncommon and extraordinary way! The Bible says, "Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you." We are more precious to Him than a whole flock of sparrows -- and we know how much He loves the sparrow.

Dear God, we know that we are precious in Your sight. Thank You for loving us with such an uncommon and extraordinary love. 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 Rankin, Roger Wyatt, Jackie & Ray Gabell, Dennis Henschke, Ross Dawson and Cate Watkinson.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS still to come:

Robin (26th), Maureen Parker (26th)



International Students

All of us, international students are back doing their study and have jobs. We wish to thank you very much for your prayers and donations. "We could not have come through without your ongoing prayers and the grace of God".

Thank you from Sam, Kevin and Emma

THE LAST COMBINED ZOOM SERVICE



Let's have a cuppa and chat after the Zoom service! Prepare yourselves a special morning tea this Sunday (for in you home).

Now we planning on returning to the church in the new normal, how are you feeling about this? Have you got some concerns? Have you thought to talk to your minister, Do Young or your pastoral carer?

Pastoral Carers — are you feeling able to talk to the members on your list? Do you need some support to help others? If so, contact Do Young, Heather or Meng.

Coffee, Chat and Craft

It was lovely to hear the CC&C group in the hall, keeping their social distancing on Thursday, chatting and laughing together again.



URGENT VALID POLICE CHECK – FOR CHURCH LEADERS

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Church Councils are required to apply this to leaders who are in a position of trust, influence or authority because of their leadership role within the Church.

Appointed Leaders are people who are in a position of trust, influence or authority because of their leadership role within the Church. This would include, but not be limited to, lay preachers, elders, church councillors, those who lead worship, anyone involved in children and youth events/programs/activities, music leaders, organists, Bible study leaders, and 'home group' or 'cell group' leaders and any other person commissioned by the Church Council to perform a leadership role.

Volunteers – free check

1. Do your responsibilities include any of the following:

- ? Church Council member/office bearer
- ? People working with children e.g. Sunday School, youth groups etc.
- ? Safe Church Congregation Liaison, Privacy, Property Officer
- ? Rostered to drive members to church or other church related activities?
- ? Handling money? (e.g. count offerings, organising activities or banking duties)
- ? Working in a Uniting Church Op-shop or café

If you answered yes to any of the above questions you will also require the General Employment Probity Check.

2. Do your responsibilities include any of the following:

- ? Designated Visitor from a Church (e.g. pastoral, aged care or hospital)
- ? Do you conduct or provide services in aged care facilities or hospitals
- ? Work with refugees, migrants
- ? Offering social support services (e.g. counselling/ financial support/ soup kitchen)

If you answered yes to any of the above questions you will also require Vulnerable Person Related Employment Check The former Uniting Church SA Screening and Authority will no longer be valid regardless of any date listed beyond 1 July 2020. If you have obtained your screening via other institutions please advise Uniting Church SA so their records can be brought up to date.

You can find more information on this via the Uniting Church SA website here:

<https://sa.uca.org.au/safechurch/screening>. If you wish to discuss this further you can contact the general Safe Church enquiries via Linda Vinall (08) 8236 4248 calledtocare@sa.uca.org.au.

If you cannot access the internet, a copy of the 100 point ID check form is available which will need to be co-signed by Rev Do Young Kim or a member of Church Council to verify your identification as completed on the Form.

News from Synod via UC E-News

From the UCA General Secretary

As we continue to respond to the challenges of being Church in the context of COVID-19, I wish to extend greetings from the Synod Office, the Crisis Management Team and all who seek to support and resource congregations in their ministry and mission. It was a great joy for me to travel over the weekend with the Moderator as we visited congregations in the Mid North of South Australia. It was great sharing with church members, hearing about the creative ways they are managing the restrictions and how they continue to prepare for the changes ahead.

As you know the SA Government made some significant announcements last Friday 12 June regarding the [Roadmap for Easing COVID-19 Restrictions](#). Yesterday (Tuesday 16 June) there were further announcements regarding our state borders.

The announcements continue to increase the numbers of people able to participate in social and religious activity. However, regardless of the numbers and the nature of the activity, there continue to be four major criteria we need to follow at all times:

- 4 sqm per person in any space
- 1.5 m physical distancing
- Strict hygiene particularly in relation to hands and hard surfaces
- A requirement for everyone to sign in and sign out of events and activities

Prayer points

This week we pray for:

- All those who stand against racism and seek racial justice.
- For the healing of racial tensions worldwide, including here in Australia, and an end to racial inequality and racist attitudes.
- For refugees, both those known and unknown to us, for greater compassion from our decision makers, for the safety and wellbeing of refugees living in hardship and for endurance of people supporting refugees.

Reflection of the Week

Almighty and merciful God, whose own Son became a refugee, have mercy on those who are fleeing from danger, who are homeless and hungry.

May I be inspired to be generous with my resources and my time, so that I may see where I can help and be able to bring some relief to those who seek refuge.

Worship Rosters

It won't be long before you will be returning to your church for worship. Some vulnerable people, may not return straight away. The worship roster is difficult to fill out in normal times as there is a lack of able volunteers. When the church doors open again there may be a less-than-normal size congregation.

The worship roster will start off with only 4 weeks at a time rather than 3 months, not knowing who and how many will return in the early days.

Please consider your gifts, i.e. Welcoming at the door with a friendly smile (sorry, no hand shaking or hugging), minister's helper, sound desk operator (speak to David about training), bible reader or offering counter.

At this stage there will be no morning tea or 5th Sunday Potluck. Thank you those who have recently emailed me already to go on the roster. For anyone else able and willing to, please contact me by next Thursday, 25 June by email or phone .

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