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A Fairtrade Faith Community

Hebrews 2:10-11

In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

welcome

Morning Worship **9:30am**

YouTube Service

Evening Worship **6:30pm**

Zoom Fellowship

Thought for the Week

A Season of Creation Blessing

We need the blessings of the Season of Creation even more than usual this year. May it be for us a time of deep connection with the God of life, who loves and is present within every creature and all of creation. Especially for those in lockdown but able to exercise outside, may we find comfort and solace in being with God in nature. May we feel God's presence with us in every leaf, rock and creature.

May we gather for worship with the community of creation, though we cannot worship with our usual human church communities. In our gathering, may we reconnect with who we are as God's creatures, and wonder with humility at our place as part of the complex interdependent web of creation. May the sun shine on our faces, The rain wash away our tears, And the earth stand firm beneath our feet.

May you find hope in new leaves, new buds, new babies, and whatever you are carrying, may it feel smaller beneath the stars. In these days may our eyes be open for God's face shining through creation, and our ears be open to the words of creation's songs of praise.

May we worship among the wattle in a cathedral of the sky, and see God in the promise of a sunrise, the glory of a sunset. May the scent of eucalypt and petrichor be our incense.

May the rhythms of our liturgy be breath and wind and wave. May the bees give their sermons, and the birds their wisdom. May ripples and dandelion seeds carry our prayers to the ears of God. May the freedom from walls widen our hearts and fill them with compassion, and may we find peace in celebrating the rituals of time, season and growth.

May this be for us a sacred time to remember God's first gift to us, and our first responsibility – to love and care for creation. A time to reconnect, a time to care, a time to plan beyond the Season of Creation and make creation care part of everything we do. Let us put our love of God, and our love of creation, into action.

From Jessica Morthorpe *Five Leaf Eco-Awards*

PRAYERS

Pray for all those in our country struggling in lockdown; for those who are lonely, those who are anxious, and those suffering from hardship.

Pray for the children returning to their online studies this week, our educators and all those who support them, over the the next few weeks and in the transition back to school.

Pray for the Safe Church team at Keiraview as they adapt the church's plans for a safe return on-site.

Pray for our state leaders and decision-makers.

A Prayer from UCA Lectionary Resources

Sovereign God, you make us for each other, to live in loving community as friends, sons and daughters, sisters and brothers, wives and husband, partners and companions.

Teach us to choose love that is committed and devoted; teach us like little children to wonder and to trust, that our loving may reflect the image of Christ. Amen.



Daylight Savings 3rd October 2021

Don't forget to set your clocks one hour forwards this Sunday as we go into Daylight Savings. This also means that the Sunday evening services will move from 6pm to 6:30pm.



Operation Christmas Child

Shoe boxes are still happening this year. If you have started a box or wish to do one we will be collecting them in November when church is back.

There is a new way you can do a box this year, it is called "Pack A Box online" and for \$30 we will pack a box for you.

You go to the Operation Christmas Child website, then to [Pack A Box Online](#). You choose if it is for a Boy or Girl and the age. You can also leave a message for the child and pay online and we will pack the box and send it for you.

If you have any questions please contact me. Thanks, Robyn Johnson.

WWPS Food for Hampers Collection

Food donation pick ups resume this week on Sunday afternoons between 2-3pm. Please let Pauline Doyle or Jenny Almond know if you have goods to be collected for WWPS families. Items needed:

- UHT milk, pasta, rice, tomato-based sauces, breakfast cereals
- Non-perishable foods
- Tissues, soap, toothpaste
- Preferably not sweet treats or high sugar food items

The lovely staff and children at Wollongong West Public School have written and recorded a thank you video for all the Keiraview mentors and volunteers who have been involved in this community outreach with our neighbours.

See the video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zHJvXmdCCE>

Living Our Faith - Exploring the New Testament

A new 8 week course will be running from 5th October to 23rd November 2021. This course is part of the Living Our Faith series for Lay Preachers, but is also an ideal opportunity for a small group, faith community, bible study group, or congregation to spend time studying the New Testament. The course will take place online via zoom on Tuesday evenings (6:00-8:30 pm). More details, costs and registration information click here <https://bit.ly/3tUf59L>

Uniting Earth Webinar on

'Why the Uniting Church is supporting the School Strike 4 Climate movement?' is being held on Wednesday, 6th October. Well-known broadcaster and journalist



Julie McCrossing will explore the UC's position and interview key players across the diversity of the church. Whatever your views on the questions involved, don't miss this stimulating, informative and engaging evening. Contact Jon O'Brien on 0477 725 528 or joobrien@uniting.org.

Registration essential here <https://bit.ly/3EKVCGs>

Evening Worship MAT meets via zoom on Thursday 7th October at 8pm. Zoom details were sent out in the Keiraview email list yesterday. Contact Gavin Whitten for more details.



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