

**Eden Uniting
Worship Service**

Sunday 18 October 2020

Theme:

**Celebrating
God the Creator
an outside service**

Acknowledgement of Country
St Georges Uniting Church, Eden
acknowledges that we are on the
traditional lands of Aboriginal people.
We pay respect to the Yuin people,
especially to their elders past and present,
and recognise the continuing gift of their
culture to the life and spirit of Australia.

Call to worship

Petra: Creator God, out of the darkness, life emerged

Pat: (lights the candle)

Petra: we light this candle (PAUSE) to remind us that
In light and breath you gave birth to the world

Pat: Take a deep breath in and out

Petra: Jesus is the light of the world. In him all things are made whole

Pat: Cup your hands together and then make them into a ball.
Hold them together for a few moments.

Opening Prayer

Petra: O God who gives birth to all that we see, all that we know, all
that we dream,

Pat: and all that is unseen, unknown and unimagined,

Petra: We celebrate your life that holds and nurtures the universe,

Pat: we celebrate your love which joins creation as one and unites
all things with you;

Petra: We give thanks for your life which is incarnated in Christ

Pat: and which is revealed in every created being;

Petra: We savour your presence which is limitless and welcoming,

Pat: and your Spirit which fills every moment of time and every
fragment of matter. Amen

First musical item - Instrumental:

MORNING HAS BROKEN by Pam, Steve and Mel

A New Creed (from the United Church of Canada)

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Bible Readings:

Genesis 1: 4,10,12,17,21,25,31, Job12:7-12, Psalm 19:1-4

Second Musical item - Instrumental by PETER HOWE

Sermon PETER HOWE with questions

Prayer of Confession

Petra: God, you created our planet, the birds, fish, and other animals and
you saw all that you had created and called it good. God of life, you also
formed us, the human family to act compassionately and gently to all
forms of life.

Pat: Remind us, O God, and help us to change.

Petra: We confess that we often forget that we are utterly dependent
upon you and interdependent with the rest of your creation. We confess
that instead of acting compassionately and gently, we have instead over-
used and abused creation, forgetting that our lifestyles impact others
around the globe.

Pat: Forgive us, O God, and help us to change.

(Confession continues on page 3)

Petra: We confess that we have not done enough to protect our planet. We confess that we have failed to insist that our government act urgently and swiftly on climate. We confess that we, as consumers, have not held companies accountable for their reckless pollution and carbon consumption, nor have we worked hard enough to limit our own consumption and pollution.

Pat: Forgive us, O God, and help us to change.

Petra: God of wisdom, help us understand that whatever we do to the web of life we do to ourselves. God of power, help us acknowledge that we must act now and wake up to our moral obligation to the future of the planet, which you have entrusted to our hands.

Pat: Forgive us O God, and help us to change.

Petra: : God of grace and salvation, today we open our eyes, ears, and hearts to the pain of our planet amid the changing climate. We open our hearts to your truth, to see in you the way of healing and hope for our planet. We are beloved children of God, forgiven, renewed, and sent out into the world to work for the healing of our planet and for justice, in faithfulness to God. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Petra: Receive this, the good news: “For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.” (Psalm 103: 11-12) In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

Pat: Thanks be to God

Third musical item - Instrumental: There’s a Wind is blowing
- by Mel and John

Offering – We offer our lives in response to God’s Creation -
more info email Petra: petra1901.pp@gmail.com

Notices - * Knit for climate change, * Geocaching,
* Open Gardens, * Pantry and Info on Mental Health Packs

Prayers of the People *(These prayers continue on page 4)*

Petra: Spirit of life, We pray for all people living with the effects of climate change now: For the sake of those facing rising temperatures, drought and water shortages,

Pat: Creator God, in your mercy, renew this damaged world.

Petra: For the sake of those facing unpredictable weather, disrupted seasons and failed crops,

Pat: Creator God, in your mercy, renew this damaged world.

Petra: For the sake of those facing flooding, land loss and salination of vital water supplies,

Pat: Creator God, in your mercy, renew this damaged world.

Petra: For the sake of all those who fear the changing climate,

Pat: Creator God, in your mercy, renew this damaged world.

Petra: For the sake of the poor, the vulnerable, and the refugee

Pat: Creator God, in your mercy, renew this damaged world.

Petra: For the sake of us all,

Pat: Creator God, in your mercy, recreate our hearts that we might partner with you to renew this damaged world.

Thank you Prayer by Audrey

Thank you God for your wonderful creation:

for the sun that warms us by day, for the moon that shines at night, and for the wind that moves like your Spirit through the world.

Help us to take care of: all your creatures, the trees and plants, the water we drink, the air we breathe.

Then we shall always be able to enjoy the beautiful world you have created. **Amen.**

Sending out

Creating God,

your name is written in every leaf, every bird, every river, every stone, every living being.

Thank you for calling us by name. Thank you for your continued creating power in moisture, rivers, forests and oceans.

Make us attentive to the wounds of the earth and willing to work for the healing of the whole creation.

Send us out as your hands and feet to care for the earth and take action on climate change so that we and our children can enjoy an abundant nature and live a long life on earth. Amen.

Fourth Musical Item - Instrumental : Mel and John