

Eden Uniting Worship Service

Sunday 8 November 2020

Theme: Don't be late

Call to worship

Song as we gather - Be still and know that I am God -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8TgK5_5WAQo

Call to Worship

Into the realm of the divine we come,
encountering mystery, encountering Spirit beyond flesh,
Come,.. to worship, come... to listen to holy words,
and come... to honour the one who is waiting for us.

Opening Prayer

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING

God of love and goodness,
you overwhelm us by your truth and beauty.
In you we find the words of eternal life, words that strengthen and renew.
In creation, we see your glory revealed.
In the smallest atom we see the wonder of your wisdom.
In the far-flung galaxies we glimpse the magnitude of your being.
Before your presence we can but sing songs of praise and adoration,
offering thanksgiving for all that is. All glory, praise and honour be given
to you, majestic one, God of the ages. Amen.

SONG 1: Jubilate everybody

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nukqkr29DP8>

Bible reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

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.

The 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 Reading: Matthew 25: 1-13

Kids talk - Pat Coates

Bible Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Sermon- Paul Dawson

Song : Nearer, My God, to Thee -

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Taken from: <https://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/?p=400>*

God of love,
we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.
But you have kept faith with us.
Have mercy on us; strip us of all that is not worthy;
and help us to live up to our calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is patient and just, willing to forgive us and invite us
to bring light and life to all. We are forgiven and empowered for service.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Thank you for all your financial support for our community here through
your direct debt and if you want to give today there is a tin near the door.
Thank you everyone who give in time and prayer

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious and generous God,
here we would honour you with the gift of our very selves.
Take us and our offering
to be used for the sake of the world and your mission. Amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION *followed by the Lord's Prayer*

Our Father in Heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the Kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

Communion Service – Michael Palmer

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

Christ has work to be done,
words to be said and a Gospel to proclaim.
Let us go, ready for all that lies ahead.

May God's love be in us,
Christ's call be clearly with us,
and the power of the Holy Spirit
give us strength. Amen.

Song for the Way : Don't be afraid...

by Eastern Mennonite School Choir:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R5m15RsD7jE>

“my love is stronger than your fear,
and I have promised always to be near”