

Eden Uniting Worship Service

January 10, 2021

Theme:

First Things First

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

Is taken from our 1st Bible Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning, the Spirit moved over creation.

God said, 'Let there be light';
and there was light.

And God saw that the light was good.

God saw all that God created, and it was very good.

Come let us worship, because God first loves us,
and so we love God and one another.

Song 1 - The voice of God by My Soul Amongst Lions

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w13j9dCa5qY>

This song of based on our 2nd Bible reading Psalm 29

Prayer of Confession

Generous and loving God,
you embrace us in our frailty and the fullness of our humanity.
In baptism, by water and the Spirit you offer us new life,
and call us to live in the light, as members of your family.
And yet, so often we fail to live into the fullness of our calling.
We squabble amongst ourselves,
we make poor choices that impact the wellbeing of others,
we fail to see the bigger picture of your movement in the world.

Forgive us, loving God.

**Send your Spirit amongst us, to call us to account,
and re-centre our living to align with your work in the world.**

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Prayer of Confession

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In baptism,

you offer us unique gifts that contribute to the Body of Christ.

And yet, so often we hide our talents,

or denigrate the gifts another brings.

We fail to be full participants in your movement in the world.

Forgive us, loving God.

Send your Spirit amongst us, to encourage and renew us.

Inspire us once more to contribute to your work in the world.

Words of Assurance

People of God, nothing can change God's love for each and everyone
one of us. You are forgiven.

You are forgiven.

Let us live as the people of God – called, affirmed, forgiven and free;
recipients of grace upon grace;

God's beloved children. **Amen.**

Kid's Talk - When discouraged it is good to remember what God has
made, and the order in which God made them. As you listen to this
song, and hear what God is capable of, please make a list of the things
God made. Also, what did God say about the things that God had made?

I hope you like the song. Blessings, Steve.

Song - My God is so Big - <https://youtu.be/YUageJdwyPY>

Bible reading: Mark 1: 4-11, Acts 19:1-7

Sermon: Paul Dawson

Song 2 - All Praise to him by Sovereign Grace Music

https://youtu.be/6_DVTURtey0

Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving

Jesus Christ, giver of life,
we give thanks for the gift of water;
for the waters of baptism, and the waters of birth;
for the waters of everyday living that clean and refresh us,
and the waters of fun filled days of swimming and recreation.
Above all, for the living water that you offer us,
we give our thanks and praise,
for it is in these waters that we find ourselves re-created, loved and
sustained, full members of your community and beloved members of
your family. With gratitude and joyful hearts, we give thanks. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

We love because God first loves us. We serve because God first gifts us.
Let us bring our gifts of love and service to God.

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, we love, because you first love us.
We bring the fullness of our lives and
our gifts in response to your love.
Use them and us, that love may abound and deepen, in us,
in our community and in our world. Amen.

Song 3 - Breathe on me Breath of God by Thenba
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MmkzSjs9eAw>

Prayer of Intercession

God, whose love is deep and embrace is wide,
for those who feel abandoned and alone we pray.
You knit each one of us, delicately together, in love.
We pray this day for those who do not know their worth or value.
We pray for children, that they may be raised in loving homes,
where they are respected and nurtured.
We pray for people whose loneliness has been enhanced or
disconnection from community made evident, as the world is more
physically distanced to respond to COVID-19.

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Whisper your affirmation to each one:

“You are my beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Open our ears that we may hear your loving words, and know our
intrinsic worth. Open our eyes, that we may see one another as your
beloved, and know the intrinsic worth of each and every one.

As your people, we pray. **Amen.**

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

Holy Communion at Home - Led by Michael

<https://youtu.be/RmYeOR-zYdg>

Commissioning and Benediction

You are the beloved of God,
showered in blessings, made new by the Spirit.
Go out into the world, with hearts full of joy,
for you belong to God.
Listen for the voice of the Spirit that renews and affirms;
pay attention for the grace that surrounds your living,
and live in response to the love that is poured out upon you.
May the love of God,
the call of Christ and the guidance of the Spirit be yours,
this day and always. Amen.

Concluding Music - *(For some Classical Music Pleasure)*
“The Creation”, Part 1 No 2- “Let there be light” by Haydn
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nf8yKt9jVl4>