

**Eden Uniting  
Worship Service**  
Sunday 14 March 2021

**Theme:**

**Coming Into the Light**

**Acknowledgement of Country**

Eden Uniting Church 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** (Adapted from Psalm 107)

People of God, draw near:  
give thanks to the Lord,  
for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever.  
The Spirit blows across the face of the earth  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south  
We come to offer thanksgiving and praise;  
to tell of God's deeds with songs of joy.  
Come, let us worship God!

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Song 1: All praise to our redeeming Lord**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u2Qhk8z17Jo>

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost.  
We confess that we have strayed from you  
and turned aside from your way.  
We are misled by pride,  
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,  
and great when we are small.  
We have failed in love, neglected injustice, and ignored  
your truth.  
Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin.  
Return us to paths of righteousness  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. AMEN

(<https://www.faithward.org/six-lent-prayer-of-confession-ideas/>)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**SONG 2:** Eternal light, shine in my heart:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zfaj1X86nBg>

Reading: Ephesians 2: 1-10

Kid's Talk: Michael

**Readings:** Numbers 21:4-9, John 3:14-21 (See page 4)

Sermon: Leone

**Reflective song to listen to: Look and Live**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLxdkh4c\\_8s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLxdkh4c_8s)

**OFFERTORY & NOTICES**

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

**Song 3:** Help us to accept each other  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ab7j3kAXe8Y>

Holy Communion - Led by Pam Skelton

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**

For the gifts of life and love, **we give thanks!**  
For the gifts of growth and hope, **we give thanks!**  
For the gifts of wisdom and understanding, **we give thanks!**

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

People of faith,  
we are sent out into the world to be light and love;  
to be workers in God's Reign transformed by Christ.

Go in peace.  
And may the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and always. Amen.

**Leaving Song:** I want to walk with Jesus Christ  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B74ljJy6UTE>

**Numbers 21:4-9**

The Israelites had to go around the territory of Edom, so when they left Mount Hor, they headed south toward the Red Sea. But along the way, the people became so impatient that they complained against God and said to Moses, "Did you bring us out of Egypt, just to let us die in the desert? There's no water out here, and we can't stand this awful food!" Then the Lord sent poisonous snakes that bit and killed many of them. Some of the people went to Moses and admitted, "It was wrong of us to insult you and the Lord. Now please ask him to make these snakes go away."

Moses prayed, and the Lord answered, "Make a snake out of bronze and place it on top of a pole. Anyone who gets bitten can look at the snake and won't die."

Moses obeyed the Lord. And all of those who looked at the bronze snake lived, even though they had been bitten by the poisonous snakes.

**John 3:14-21**

And the Son of Man must be lifted up, just as that metal snake was lifted up by Moses in the desert. Then everyone who has faith in the Son of Man will have eternal life.

God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people. He sent him to save them! No one who has faith in God's Son will be condemned. But everyone who doesn't have faith in him has already been condemned for not having faith in God's only Son.

The light has come into the world, and people who do evil things are judged guilty because they love the dark more than the light. People who do evil hate the light and won't come to the light, because it clearly shows what they have done. But everyone who lives by the truth will come to the light, because they want others to know that God is really the one doing what they do.