



Our Common Life

Blackall Range Uniting Churches

Maleny | Montville | Palmwoods



Uniting in Christ | Acting with love | Living with hope | Witnessing in faith | Working for justice

1 May 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



Face to Face Worship Service

Montville: 7:30 am: Worship Service
 Maleny: 9:45am: Holy Communion
 Palmwoods: 10:00am Worship Service

RCL Year C Readings

2nd Sunday after Easter

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20); Psalm 30
 Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Next Sunday 8 May 2022

Montville: 7:30 am: Holy Communion
 Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service
 Palmwoods: 15:00pm Reflection in the Garden

RCL Year C Readings

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23
 Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

Psalm 30 vs 11-13

**"You turned my wailing into dancing;
 you removed my sackcloth
 and clothed me with joy,
 that my heart may sing your praises
 and not be silent.**

LORD my God, I will praise you forever."

LECTIONARY THEMES

Praise

Revelation 5: 11-14

Praise, properly, cannot be forced. No one can praise simply because they are told to. Genuine praise comes from the heart. It is accompanied by feelings of joy, but it is focused on another, not on oneself. So, praising God is much more than singing songs, hymns or psalms. Music and singing have, from ancient times, been means whereby people have expressed their praise toward God, and they give us means whereby we can express our praise to God today, but praise is more than the music and the words of songs. It is an attitude that wells up from deep within our being, an attitude that honours and glorifies God. It recognizes the superiority of God's power and authority, of God's infinite love and distinctive holiness. This we can do in words, but also in actions, in the way we live. As the visionary in Revelation 5:13 says, every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them can praise God and his Christ. They do this in living true to God's intended role for them. Only humans have the power to defy God's intention and live lives addicted to self-praise. True praise arises out of a delight in the one who is being praised and implies a forgetting of self. It is inextricably bound up with the love toward God that is Christ's principal commandment to us. In his vision, John the Seer presents the rejected, discarded and crucified Jesus under the guise of a sacrificial lamb but affirms that he is worthy of all the praise appropriately given to God the Creator. Jesus is worthy to be praised as divine. We praise people for their achievements and successes, for their character and benefactions, but beyond all human praiseworthiness there remains One who is worthy above all others, the One who ultimately is to be praised and worshipped by all creation, even that difficult and rebellious part of it called humanity. In Christ, we are privileged to participate in the universal chorus of praise even now before the end of the story is written.

- When do you praise another person? What prompts you to do it?
- Distinguish, if you can, between genuine praise and false praise.
- How can we express praise to God?
- Why praise God?

Rev Ron Potter

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COMING UP for next weeks– Details below

- Tuesday– Cuppa Craft at Maleny 9:30 **3rd & 17th May**
- Wednesday – Maleny Meditation at 8:30am
- Friday – Maleny KYB at 1:30pm
- Sunday – Dedication of Red Bench at Montville
- Palmwoods Reflection in the Garden will be at 3pm during winter (May – August)

CONNECT GROUPS and MORNING TEA

In 2022 the connect groups were asked to be responsible for morning tea on the combined service day as we need more servers. Next combined service is **29 May** so we need another group to offer their service on that day. Contact Dorothy 5494 2486.

Montville Uniting Church – NEW DISPLAY

Greetings to you all

As from 23 April the Gallery features some very interesting works of art by Julie Mengel. Julie says that these works are the embodiment of her explorations over the



past few years, as we have all experienced it in

one form or another. At her home in the hills of Bli Bli, she has been able to slow down and take time to enjoy the feel of the landscape, her creek and the local beaches.

Each piece takes on a life of its own and she enjoys working with a variety of media including coldwax, collage, drawing, fabric and stitch. She aims to explore and reflect the emotional connection between her place of existence and her spiritual response to her surroundings in an abstract way.

Julie is employed full-time in her Bli Bli studio. She was born in Wollongong and completed a Diploma of Fine Art (Printmaking) at Townsville College of TAFE in 1989 and a Bachelor of Visual Arts in 1995 at James Cook University. This was followed by a Graduate Diploma of Education at the University of South Australia. Julie taught Art at Secondary and Tertiary levels before retiring on the Sunshine Coast.

The Visitors Book in the Church foyer continues to give some indication of the worldwide reach of the gallery. The aim of providing a place for quiet reflection seems to be being realized.

Thank you for your support. Please continue to pray for the Gallery and its outreach.

Grace and peace to you.

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DRIVERS NEEDED. Several of our members are finding it difficult to come to Church so we need drivers to transport them. Please prayerfully consider if you have a suitable car and can help in this way and give me your name so I can match you to an appropriate person. **Dorothy**

Uniting Church – Call for Event Volunteers



The Queensland Synod is hosting two events this May - the reconvened 16th Assembly meeting (6 - 9 May 2022) and the 36th Queensland Synod is being held a few days later (13 - 17 May 2022). Both events are being held at Alexandra Park Conference Centre on the Sunshine Coast. Volunteers will be involved in a variety of back-of-house activities each day in both logistics support (food service, catering station management, point of service, cleaning, setting, moving of chairs/tables) and guest support roles (supporting admin office, ushering, car park/traffic assist, supporting guest entry etc)

Available opportunities include:

Friday, 6 May (8.00am–1.00pm and 4.00pm-9.00pm)

Saturday, 7 May (8.00am–1.00pm and 1.00pm-6.00pm)

Sunday, 8 May (8.00am–1.00pm and 1.00pm-6.00pm)

Monday, 9 May (8.00am–1.00pm)

Saturday, 14 May (8.00am–12.30pm and 2.00pm-6.00pm)

Sunday, 15 May (8.00am–12.30pm and 2.00pm-6.00pm)

Monday, 16 May (8.00am–12.30pm and 4.00pm-8.00pm)

The Alexandra Park Conference Centre is located on the Sunshine Coast. Volunteers will be required to arrange their own transport to the event and accommodation is not provided

Volunteers for this event must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19, and will be required to provide proof upon arrival, along with all other guests. Volunteers must also be 18 years of age or over for this event. Training and catering will be provided on the day **

If you wish to volunteer – please contact the Qld Synod Events team on 3377 9775 or

synodinsession@ucaqld.com.au



Mobile screening service will be at Maleny Hospital
27 April – 18 May 2022

Women aged 50 to 74 are encouraged to have a breast screen every two years.

Women aged 40 years and over can also use this free service

No referrals needed.

Early detection saves lives

Make an appointment: Call **13 20 50** or breastscreen.qld.au

Reflection – The Cross of Christ: Hope for the hopeless.

in [Opinion](#) 11/04/2022

The world today seems to go from chaos to tragedy in a matter of minutes. We have lurched through a worldwide pandemic only to be confronted by war in eastern Europe. This constant lack of certainty has caused many people much anxiety and whole nations to behave in bizarre ways. The future can look very hopeless.

It is at this point, particularly as we enter Easter that we need to pause and remember that we, the people who follow Christ, follow a hopeless symbol, the cross. The cross was a torture device that slowly drained the life out of people, often over many days. It was a brutal way that the Romans used to send a message of oppression and fear to all who would stand against them. Therefore, it was the way that they would put a dangerous man like Jesus of Nazareth to death.

However, we who sit on this side of the resurrection story on Easter Sunday know that it wasn't the end. It was only the beginning of the new covenant that our Creator would forge with all creation. The cross, this ugly symbol of torture, was repurposed to be the ultimate symbol of hope.

As we enter Easter this year, may we be reminded of the Hope of Christ. The hope that can turn the ugly cross into a symbol of salvation, as Paul says in 1 Cor. 18. *"For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God."*

Let us return to the cross this Easter and be reminded that in the midst of what might seem hopeless that Christ remains our one true hope and saviour of all.

Andrew

Rev Andrew Gunton is the Moderator, the spiritual head and the main spokesperson for the Uniting Church in Queensland.

MAY 2022 May 2022 is a busy month for us a congregation and communities. Please note these dates carefully:

1 May Sunday Labour Day weekend

8 May Sunday 8:15 & 9:00 am, Mothers' Day and Dedication of the Red Bench at Montville Uniting Church

10 May Tuesday 5pm– Candle Light Walk and Vigil in solidarity with persons affected by Domestic and Family Violence in Maleny

13-17 May 36th Synod of UCA Queensland at Alexander Heads

22 May Sunday 3pm Dedication of the Red Bench at Palmwoods Community Garden

26 May Ascension Day

29 May Sunday 9:45am Combined Service and AGM at Maleny

5 June Sunday Pentecost. Guest Speaker Pastor Ryan Vallee at Maleny at 9:45

5-10 June Week of Prayer

Eli Jenkins Prayer by Dylan Thomas Under the Milkwood

Lyrics

Every morning when I wake
Dear Lord -- a little prayer I make
Oh please do keep thy loving eye
On all poor creatures born to die.

And every evening at sundown
I ask a blessing on the town
For whether we last the night or no
I'm sure as always -- touch and go.

We are not holy, bad or good
Who live our lives under milkwood
And vow, I know, will't be the first
To see our best side, not our worst.

Who let us see another day
Bless us this night, I pray
And to the sun we all will vow
And say goodbye, but just for now

Source: [Musixmatch](#)

Songwriters: D. Thomas / A.h.d Troyte

And enjoy it sung at this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8TsPiNkj6DA&ab_channel=iforgetiOFFERING

Kindly remember to continue to give your weekly/monthly offerings. They can be Direct Debited to Blackall Range Uniting Church.

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Blackall Range Uniting Church acknowledges the first peoples who are the traditional owners of the land upon which we live and worship.

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