



**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

**26 June 2022**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**\*\*\*LECTIONARY THEMES\*\*\***

**Spirit of Co-operation**

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

We live in a world of winners and losers; of rivalry; division, and with that suspicion, fear and even hatred. It's a world of us-and-them thinking; each one for himself or herself; the survival of the fittest. But we dream of living in a cooperative world where everyone is respected, and all people live in harmony and at peace. The trouble is we often assume that the way to get to that is through the same old competitive practices we have lived by so much of the time: peace and harmony through domination and submission. But that approach is bound to fail.

The new world must be a world where people live in freedom, not under oppression whether it be political, economic, social or religious oppression. So Paul stresses that Christ has set us free, only he warns not to use that freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence. Christ sets us free from the prison of living with a self-serving, competitive, me-against-you attitude so that we can live in a world where love reigns: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

Life lived within the competitive framework of self-centredness and division he calls, flesh-living. Living in the flesh is living under the impulse of our selfish desires. We need laws to restrain our aggressive flesh lives. That is so today with laws and regulations imposed by governments just as it was with the Torah or Hebrew Law in the time of Jesus and of Paul. What we are offered through Christ is life inspired by the very same Spirit that is present in creation and in all creatures, in all forgiveness and reconciliation, in Christ and in his Church, in our own lives and in those of all people – the Spirit of God. Beyond all our divisions – political, economic, cultural and religious – there is a fundamental unity expressed as love – respect, acceptance, helpfulness, compassion, understanding, sympathy. This is life in the Spirit and its fruits are listed in Galatians 5:22-23.

- What is good about competition and what is bad about competition?
- What is the freedom that we have in Christ and what threatens that freedom?
- Paul called on the Galatian Christians to live by the power of the Spirit and not to slip back into living in the ways of the flesh. How relevant is this call to us today?
- If the Holy Spirit is the spirit of love, bearing fruit as suggested in Galatians 5:22-23, where do you see evidence of the Holy Spirit's presence in the world today?



**Face to Face Worship Service**

**Sunday 26 June 2022**

Montville 8:15am: Worship Service  
 Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service  
 Palmwoods: 15:00pm Reflections in the Garden

**RCL Year C Readings**

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 and Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20  
 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 and Psalm 16  
 Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

**Next Sunday 3 July 2022**

Montville 8:15am: Worship Service  
 Maleny: 9:45am: Holy Communion  
 Palmwoods: 10:00am Worship Service

**RCL Year C Readings**

2 Kings 5:1-14 and Psalm 30;  
 Isaiah 66:10-14 and Psalm 66:1-9  
 Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

**Galatians 5 vs 25**

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

### COMING UP for next weeks– Details below

- Wednesday – Maleny Meditation at 8:30am
- Friday – Maleny KYB at 1:30pm
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July – Cuppa Craft at Maleny Church 9:30 – 12 noon

### TASK GROUP UPDATE

The task group meets on **Wednesday 29 June**. Don't forget to chat with your worship site representatives: let them hear your concerns, and ideas. And please continue to pray for God's guidance as we unravel Blackall Range UC's Sacred Story. Murray R (coordinator)

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 9:30-12:30** TULE meeting at **MNC** and the topic is Resilience in Grief. Speakers are: Tricia Cranney (Uniting Care Disaster Relief) Reb Deborah Bird (Anglican Church) who will be speaking on the Narrative and Grief and Rev Liena Hoffman (Uniting Church) who will be speaking on Therapy of Liturgy in Grief.

### 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022, Saturday 2-5pm

A special opportunity to enter into conversation with one another about our understanding of mission and how we think we should be sharing our faith. The conversation will be facilitated by Phil Smith, the MEO (Mission Engagement Officer of our presbytery)

### CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

The "cash for cans" and bottles programme is rumming with a collection point in the grassed area at the rear of IGA.

Any recyclable cans and bottles generate 10c each for Church funds an easy revenue earner!!!

Please quote the church account number **C10478264** when you deposit these items at the collection point...



..... Stan McCallum

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

**ANZ Bank, BSB 014-507. A/C 3762 29735**

### SAFE MINISTRY TRAINING.

There will be Safe Ministry Training at Glasshouse Country UC - on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July - 2pm - 5pm (Please arrive at 1.45pm)

Sue will require numbers of attendees who are not part of the Glasshouse congregation. Please email [sue@gmp.net.au](mailto:sue@gmp.net.au) to let her know if you will be attending to ensure adequate materials.

Training is a 2 year cycle so if people did training last year they are not required to do it again this year.

## Make me sensitive

Lord Jesus,

give me a portion of your tenderness ...  
make me sensitive for peoples' deepest needs.  
Give me an affinity for the pain of others  
even if they are not able to say a word.

Help me, dear Lord

not to walk over the feelings of others  
with unthinking words.

Keep me from wild generalisations  
that ignore the opinions of others.

Help me not to smash the hope of others to pieces  
or to increase their hurt through  
decisions and actions that only benefit me and my  
group.

O Lord help me rather to live with  
and anoint the wounds of those I encounter today  
with the peace and comfort,  
and the love that you pour out over me.

Lord, with the loving heart  
make my heart also loving.

Lord of the tender hands  
enable my touching to comfort others.

Lord with the willing feet  
send me in the direction of someone who needs  
help.

Lord, make me so transparent that people will not  
see me  
but you behind me.

*Anonymous*

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