



**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

**17 July 2022**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

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

**The Cosmic Christ**

**Colossians 1:15-28**

How do you describe the invisible? Some say, don't try; if you can't experience it through your senses, it doesn't exist. However, there are spiritual realities that cannot be denied, invisible but powerful. Take love for example. Love is expressed through physical realities, but love itself remains invisible. So it is with God. God is invisible and intangible yet sensed through creation.

God is reflected in existence – in nature taken as a whole and as known in individual parts. Similarly, God is reflected in human life. That's what Genesis 1:27 refers to when it says that people are made in the image of God. They reflect God in some way. However, there is one particular person who can be called the "image of the invisible God" in a special and distinctive way (Colossians 1:15). As ancient kings used to be thought of as the image of some god or other, so Jesus as the Messianic king is the image of God.

By calling Christ the firstborn of all creation, that passage says that he is like the first-born son of a king, the most important person in the realm. John 1:14 says Jesus was the Word of God made flesh, similarly Colossians says that Jesus as the Christ was the agent through whom the Creator brought everything into existence both physical and spiritual; he is before all things and in him all things hold together. At the same time, Christ is the living head of the church.

In his resurrection, he led the "resurrection parade" (as the Message puts it). People are raised to new life now because he was raised from the dead. God was in Christ, not in the limited way that God can be said to be present in everyone, but fully and completely, and through him, through whom God created everything, God reconciled everything and everyone to himself through his death on the cross.

- If you can, share an experience that you have had of God in nature?
- What do you think it means to say that human beings are made in the image of God?
- If people are made in the image of God, what is different about Jesus Christ being the image of the invisible God?
- If, as Colossians 1:20-21 says, God was in Christ reconciling all things to himself through the crucifixion of Jesus, how come people still live unreconciled to God?

**Rev Ron Potter**

**Piula Publications**



**Face to Face Worship Service**

**Sunday 17 July 2022**

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

**RCL Year C Readings**

**Amos 8:1-12 and Psalm 52**  
**Genesis 18:1-10a and Psalm 15**  
**Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42**

**Next Sunday 24 July 2022**

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

**RCL Year C Readings**

**Hosea 1:2-10 and Psalm 85**  
**Genesis 18:20-32 and Psalm 138**  
**Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19) Luke 11:1-13**

**Colossians 1: The Message**

You stay grounded and steady in that bond of trust, constantly tuned in to the Message, careful not to be distracted or diverted. There is no other Message—just this one.

The mystery in a nutshell is just this: Christ is in you, so therefore you can look forward to sharing in God's glory. It's that simple. That is the substance of our Message. We preach *Christ*.

Christ! No more, no less. That's what I'm working so hard at day after day, year after year, doing my best with the energy God so generously gives me.

### COMING UP for next weeks– Details below

- Wednesday – Maleny Meditation at 8:30am
- Friday – Maleny KYB at 1:30pm
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 11:15 Service at Erowal
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Cuppa Craft at Maleny Church 9:30 – 12 noon

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP

All ladies are warmly welcome to a fun morning on **Thursday 21st July, 9.30 - 11.30am**, at Maleny Church Hall.

Following morning tea and some thoughts led by Dorothy, some easy exercises (optional), puzzles and a sing-a-long with Helen B. are on the agenda.

Any enquiries: Barbara (5494 2238)

### THANKSGIVING SERVICES FOR FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

We have two memorial services this coming week:

**Gloria Collard's** service on **Monday, 18th at 11:00 am** at Maleny Uniting Church

**Rita Olive Bailey's** service on **Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 11.00 am** at Palmwoods Uniting Church.

### Christmas Lights Event - 2022

Wow! The Christmas Lights Festival is on again this year in the week beginning **December 18<sup>th</sup> 2022**.

If you are interested in assisting with organising the event, we are having a quick 'stand-up' meeting after Church on **Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup>** to get a few things moving.

Our theme this year is PEACE. And our purpose is to share Christ's Peace with Partner Organisations, Maleny/Blackall Range Families and pass-a-by traffic – reaching out to the whole community.

**All welcome.**

### Montville Uniting Church – NEW DISPLAY

*"My Happy Place"* A collection of all sorts and things with which stories have been artistically created by **Kayleigh Simpson**. Come and enjoy this collection of relief collages and assemblages.

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### Mary Burnett Presbytery 23<sup>rd</sup> July @ Maryborough

The presbytery will be meeting Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> July at Maryborough. We ask for your prayers for the meeting and especially for Liena as she chairs the meeting.

### The National Diabetes Week campaign

Check out the 2022 [campaign](#) for great resources on how you can help raise awareness of diabetes-related stigma, working to change the conversation and challenge common beliefs people may hold about diabetes.

If this campaign has raised any issues for you or you feel like you need extra support, call Diabetes Australia on [1800 177 055](tel:1800177055).



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

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