



**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

**24 July 2022**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**



**Face to Face Worship Service**

**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**

**Next Sunday 31 July 2022**

**Maleny: 9:45am: Combined Worship Service**

**Congregational Report back on Task Group**

**RCL Year C Readings**

**Hosea 11:1-11 and Psalm 107:1-9, 43**

**Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 and Psalm 49:1-12**

**Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21**

**Colossians 2 vs 6-7**

<sup>6-7</sup> My counsel for you is simple and straightforward: Just go ahead with what you've been given. You received Christ Jesus, the Master; now *live* him. You're deeply rooted in him. You're well constructed upon him. You know your way around the faith. Now do what you've been taught. School's out; quit studying the subject and start *living* it! And let your living spill over into thanksgiving.

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

**Christ and the Powers**

**Colossians 2:6-15**

What do these have in common: politics, race, sex, religion, ideology, prosperity, progress, popular opinion and the media? They are all spiritual powers that impact our lives every day. They are not the only ones. We are influenced by many political, social and cultural pressures. We might not think of them as spiritual powers, but they really are non-material powerful forces shaping life in our world.

People in the ancient town of Colossae were fully aware of powers like these. For them, God was remote. What they had to do was to serve and be obedient to the powers and authorities that were intermediary between God and humanity. These powers were like demi-gods or angels. That was their religion. Some people in the little church there brought this with them into the church, but Paul wrote to tell them, in no uncertain terms, that all the fullness of God was present in Jesus Christ. "In him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily" (NRSV).

We need no intermediaries between ourselves and God. These powers are natural, that is, they are part of God's good creation, meant to serve God's love-filled purposes. They are not to be the ultimate controlling influence in our lives. When they loom larger in our lives than the love-filled way of God, becoming like gods to us, they work as enemies of God.

The powers of empire (in the person of the procurator, Pontius Pilate) and the powers of religion (in the person of Caiaphas, the High Priest, and the Sanhedrin) put Jesus to death, but in raising him from the dead, God triumphed over the powers. "He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them." Through our relationship with Christ, we do not have to be simply tossed around as the plaything of these powers. The authority of Christ takes precedence over any other authority or power.

- What are some of the political, cultural and social pressures on you that you are aware of?
- How can they serve God's purposes?
- When is their authority given precedence over God's love-based authority?
- "For the full content of divine nature lives in Christ, in his humanity" (Good News Bible translation of Colossians 2:9): What then does this tell us about the nature of God?

**Rev Ron Potter**

**Piula Publications**

### COMING UP for next weeks– Details below

- Wednesday – Maleny Meditation at 8:30am
- Friday – Maleny KYB at 1:30pm
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Aug – Cuppa Craft at Maleny Church 9:30 – 12 noon

### ALL WELCOME :

#### STORY TELLING & SOUP ON SUNDAY

Malcolm and Nancy Baker are hosting a casual get together at Mary Cairncross Park at noon on Sunday 14th August. We hope to spend time with friends swapping stories about the past 80 years of Malcolm's life. (If you are unable to attend and would care to contribute please email your memories to [malcolmb737@gmail.com](mailto:malcolmb737@gmail.com)).

Food provided will be soup and bread rolls. Please bring your thermoses and chairs, and a plate or container of anything else you might like to share. Please RSVP by 7th August

#### Montville Uniting Church – NEW DISPLAY

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

Barbara Willcocks and Ruth Potter

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#### NEXT NEW VINE - CONTRIBUTIONS PLEASE

It is time to start preparing for our next NV edition. Given recent developments within our congregation and the work of the Task Group etc, not to mention the gospel imperative, this edition will concentrate on **CHANGE**. I'm asking for contributions on this topic please - change of life circumstances, how we adapt to change, what change means, conversion - prose, poetry, photos - whatever you think would be useful, would be appreciated. Never contributed before? Well let's change that, and have a go! Spring a surprise in the Spring edition. Contributions by **Sunday 21 August** would help enormously.

Many thanks in advance, Graham

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**

#### Liena on leave 27<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August

Liena will be on leave from Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> July to Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> August. Rev Bruce Johnson (04 07180864) will be available for any pastoral needs. Thank you Bruce.

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

### COMBINED SERVICE AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.

This will be held next **Sunday 31 July at Maleny, commencing at 9:45am.**

A family friendly worship time followed by the Congregational Meeting. At the meeting the revised budget will be presented. Plus an update from the Mission Task Group that has been considering the future ministry options of our Blackall Range Congregation. The task group will present their findings and recommendations for the future directions of the congregation. These findings and recommendations will be emailed later this week. Please take time to read this before the meeting. We encourage all members to be present, your chance to be fully aware of our future options and to be ready to be involved as you can. Thanks for your prayerful support for the work of the task group, as we choose the "road less travelled".

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