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Welcome to worship this morning.

A note from Paul

Last week in the newsletter, I mentioned that the focus gospel for this year of the Revised Common Lectionary, Year C, is the Gospel of Luke.

Here are three things that might help us in our experience of exploring this gospel:

The gospel of Luke is a two-volume work. It consists of the gospel itself and of the Book of Acts. Both were written by the same author, and, in many ways, they mirror each other. For example, Luke begins with the birth of Jesus, Acts, with the birth of the Church. The gospel is a story of the journey from the obscurity of Galilee to the centre of the Jewish world, Jerusalem. Acts is a story of the journey from the relative obscurity of Palestine to the centre of the known world, Rome.

Luke's two volume work was written about three generations after the events of which it speaks and was written in and for a multi-cultural, multi-class, sophisticated urban setting – quite probably the city of Antioch.

Although the author of Luke has the Gospel of Mark as a major source, the author tones down some of Mark's rebelliousness. Luke presents Jesus as someone who observes the traditions of faith and culture and yet goes beyond them. Luke uses old language to say new things. Jesus calls this pouring new wine into old wineskins (Luke 5:37-38).

Luke pays particular attention to the complexity of urban society, to the role of women, to food and the customs around eating, to the nature of friendship and patronage relationships, and to the disparities of wealth and poverty.

In both the gospel and Acts people are challenged by different cultures, different and changing norms, and by the clash of cultural and religious ideas. These challenges are exemplified by Peter's experience in Acts 10, where he finally realises that the particular experience that he and the other disciples have had of Jesus, is a universal and universalising experience.

The Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts have so much to explore for people in twenty-first century western, urban culture.

Paul

P.S. A few people have asked me about issues in the readings we have been working with in the last few weeks that I haven't had time to cover in my sermons. I do write a bit more each week on my blog which may be helpful if you are interested to have a look: sundaybible.substack.com

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WORSHIP

Attending in person

Please continue to care for the safety of others and don't attend worship or large group activities at church in person if you are unwell or have been notified that you may be a close contact for covid-19. You are encouraged to continue with hand sanitizing and social distancing (no hugging or handshakes).

Worship Online or at Home

If you wish to join in our online Zoom service on Sunday morning at 9.30am, you can view the service as it is happening, using the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88191652947?pwd=M1pMZCtXY2FGOENtaGN3M3EwcVh6Zz09>

or enter this Meeting ID: 881 9165 2947 and passcode: 7777

Worship resources are emailed out each Saturday. Services are recorded each week.

To request a copy please contact the church office.

9.30am Worship/Music Team Gathering with Paul Turley

Tuesday 12th July 7.30pm – 9.00 pm at the church

For all those on the music/worship team and anyone else interested, please join us for a meeting where Paul Turley will share with us his thoughts and insights around music and worship.

For more info, contact Di Curtis (0419-862-606)

Di Curtis

Music Service – 31 July, 2022

Do you have a favourite song or hymn you would like to sing one Sunday???

I am coordinating a Music Service on Sunday 31st July, and looking for people to share their favourite song and why it is special for them. Then we will sing the song. If you would like to be involved, please let me know!

Looking forward to sharing together. Contact Di Curtis (0419-862-606)

Di Curtis

CHURCH COUNCIL

Training Courses – Postponed

The 'Called to Care' and 'Through Your Eyes' training courses planned for 9 July have been postponed.

They will be rescheduled later in the year.

Thank you

A huge thank you to those people who helped to clear out the large shed on Monday.

Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to advise that an amount of \$903.45 was raised from the cake stall on polling day and will be sent to Frontier Services. An amount of \$710.00 was raised for the recent Lent Event and has been sent to Uniting World.

Glen Luestner, Treasurer

Prayers for Linda

As you will be aware Linda has been nominated for the next Moderator and an election will be held at the June 2022 Synod meeting on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th June, 2022 with the new Moderator taking up their role at the 2023 Synod meeting. The Moderator's role is one of pastoral and spiritual leadership of the Synod. The focus of the role is to promote the Synod's vision and mission for the future of the church; to listen to, guide, and care for all the members and ministers of the UCASA; and to represent the church in the wider community and the ecumenical and political landscape of South Australia. Please pray for Linda and Paul as they await the decision.

CONNECT GROUPS

At Athelstone Uniting Church we encourage everyone to find ways to find connections within our church community. Here are some of the Connect Groups you might consider joining.

| Connect Group | When/Where | Contact |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Book Club | 1 st and 3 rd Tues at 9.30 am at the church | Linda Driver |
| Fellowship Group | 2 nd & 4 th Wed at 1.30 pm. Indigo Espresso Café | Nola Pearce |
| Threads | 2 nd & 4 th Tues 2-4 pm. Indigo Espresso Café | Linda Driver |
| Triple Cs - Men's Group | 2 nd Wed of the month at 10.30 am. Cafe Settebello. | Ray Walter |
| TOFs Fellowship Group | 1 st Tuesday of the month, 2 pm – 4 pm. Venues vary | Sheralyn Robertson |
| Stay & Play @ Home | Enrol on the church website for play ideas at home. | Joy & Bruce Stewart |
| Wirra Play Days | 28 th June, 20 th Sept & 6 th Dec. 10am – 11.30am. In the wirra! | Joy & Bruce Stewart |

Wirra Play Day next Tuesday

Our winter Wirra Play Day on 28th June will explore yarta/land, yarlu/sea and ngayirda/sky. More helpers are needed to assist the current team.

Help set up/pack up, chat to carers or play with children.

Joy and Bruce Stewart



MISSIONAL

Uniting Communities – Food Donations

Please keep bringing in your donations and let's fill the giving table! *Brenton Summers*

What do you do with plastic bread tags?

Bring them to church to support the charity Aussie Bread tags for Wheelchairs.

You'll find a container in the Church Entry. More details here: <https://ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au/>.

NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

Safety Issue - Chair and Table Storage in the Lower Hall

Please ensure you follow the directions on the sign in the lower hall (near office door) when putting away tables and chairs. There is a picture there to show you where & what to do. They need to be stacked against the wall to the office (in corner by the windows) and not in front of the ramp as they used to be. The small square tables need to be folded up and stored against the wall with the chair stacks (no more than 7 or 8 high) in front of them. The small tables have previously toppled over on unsuspecting hall users – so this is obviously a health and safety issue. It is important we follow these revised storage procedures to prevent it happening again to anyone. Note that all larger tables are now stored in the meeting room.

Please remove all rubbish and clean after all your activities

Please always remember to empty all indoor bins and sweep and mop (or vacuum) all floor surfaces after any activities in the church building. We have mice at the moment so this is particularly important. If we wish to keep the building rodent and insect free then we need to clean after each activity. **Please never assume** our cleaner will be cleaning that area before the next hall user. Always leave the building as you found it, if not better!

Offering

Why do we give? We give to support the ministry and mission of the Church. We give in response to all that God has done for us. Giving is an act of worship.

How much do we give? We give as we are able. Pray for wisdom on how generously you are called to give. "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV)

How do we give? Regular electronic giving and one-off donations can be made using the following details:

Account name: Athelstone Uniting Church Account **BSB:** 704 095 **Account number:** 110043

Application forms for setting up regular e-giving through UC e-give are available at: <https://ucinvest.com.au/forms-and-information#page=page-1>.

Cash Offerings are received on Sunday mornings in the Offering Box on the Giving Table. Contact Glen Luestner for more information.

Prayer Requests

Can we support you in prayer? Here's how:

Prayer Chain - send an email to, or call Brenton Summers, who will pass your prayer request on to a group of people who faithfully pray in response to Prayer Chain emails.

Confidential Prayers - if the issue is more personal you are invited to contact Paul Turley for individual prayer or one the members of the Pastoral Care Oversight team (Lee O'Connell, Brenton Summers, Ann Brown, Bob Stevenson and Linda Driver). All prayer requests going to the team will be kept strictly confidential within this team.

Prayers for Others (Sunday Worship) If you have something you would like to be included, please contact Paul. "We are all called to pray for one another, and so we are all encouraged to offer to pray for, or with others, especially if they share a concern with you." (James 5:13-16)

WIDER CHURCH

Synod 22

This weekend members from congregations and ministries from across South Australia will gather together to share in celebrating and discerning our future as the Uniting Church. Linda Driver, Paul Turley and Carol Lang will be attending. Please pray for them and also for other leaders and members of Synod as they prepare to gather to share in celebrating and discerning our future.

Wider Church News

Wider church news: <https://sa.uca.org.au>

You can also subscribe to receive UC E-News personally at <https://sa.uca.org.au/uc-e-news/>

The New Times is available online as well at <https://sa.uca.org.au/new-times/new-times-print-edition/>

Wimala Presbytery News: <https://www.facebook.com/Wimala-Presbytery-109646960529095/>

Wimala Presbytery website: <https://wimala.ucasa.org.au/>

Adelaide Harmony Choir 75th Anniversary Concert

The Adelaide Harmony Choir's next concert is this coming Sunday 26 June, starting at 2.30pm at the Wesley Uniting Church, Kent Town. Featuring music by Charles Gounod, Henry Purcell and brilliant young Adelaide composer Charlie Wells, the Adelaide Harmony Choir celebrates its 75th year of choral music-making. Conducted by Andrew Chatterton with soloists Sara Lambert, Riana Chakravarti, Kim Worley, Jeremy Tatchell and an orchestral ensemble led by Carolyn Lam, this program will uplift your soul as the choir pays homage to St Cecilia, the patron saint of music, through music spanning the ages. **Date:** Sunday 26th June, 2022 at 2.30 pm until 4.15 pm. **Venue:** Kent Town Uniting Church, Cnr Fullarton Road and Grenfell St, Kent Town.

Bookings: Book on-line at <https://www.trybooking.comBZQVI> or Ticket Secretary Margaret on 0408 528 349. Tickets also available at the door – cash or card. **Prices:** Adult \$25; Conc \$20; Students \$10.00 Child (<12) Free

CHURCH BUILDING - BOOKINGS

Special Event or changes to regular bookings or location are highlighted in bold.

| Day | Time | Location | Hirer/User |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Saturdays | 9.30 – 11.30 am | Lower Hall | Pilates |
| Saturdays | 9.30 – 11.30 am | Auditorium | Waratah Calisthenics |
| Mondays | Morning | Main building | VIP Cleaning Service |
| Mondays | 4.45 - 6.45 pm | Auditorium | Waratah Calisthenics |
| Mondays | 6.30 - 8.30 pm | Lower hall | Pilates |
| Tuesday 28th June | 9.00 am – 12.00 pm | Lower hall, deck, wirra | Wirra Play Day (& Setup) |
| Tuesday 28th June | 9.30 – 10.30 am | Auditorium | Pilates |
| Tuesday 28th June | 2.30 – 3.30 pm | Meeting Room | Pastoral Care Meeting |
| Tuesday 28th June | 6.30 – 8.30 pm | Auditorium | Morialta SEC Meeting |
| Tuesday 28th June | 7.15 – 9.00 pm | Meeting Room | Church Council Meeting |
| Wednesdays | 9.30 - 10.30 am | Lower hall | Pilates |
| Wednesdays | 6.30 - 8.30 pm | Auditorium | Waratah Calisthenics |
| Thursdays | 7.30 – 8.30 pm | Auditorium | Worship Practice |
| At all times | At all times | Top hall & Top car park | Medical HQ – Covid & Vaccine Clinics |

SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

| Role | 26 th June | 3 rd July | Role | 26 th June | 3 rd July |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Prayer with Preacher | Robyn F | Jennifer C | Tick & Flick | Brenton S | Brenton S |
| Worship Leader | Robyn S | Lynton N | Door | Coralie S Lee O'C | Jayne N (Lynton N) |
| Preacher | Paul T | Paul T | Notices | Don B | Sylvia M |
| Singer | Friederike A-W Bob S Lynton N | Sylvia M Jeanine D Jeff D | Count Offering | Lynton N Sylvia M | Trevor G Sam G |
| Sound Desk | Don B | Noel M | Bible Reader | Sylvia M | Ann B |
| Data Projector | Sam W | David W | Flowers | Marie H | Raelene A |
| Chair Steward | Bob S Paul H | Glen L Jeff D | Communion Prep | N/A | Leanne S |
| Building Steward | Noel M | Paul H | Communion Servers | N/A | Sheralyn R Tara S |
| Zoom Production | Paul H | Paul H | | | |

It is very important during this pandemic that you do not attend services when you are unwell. Please swap with someone, or if late notice on the Sunday morning, contact Paul Turley or the worship leader for that service as appropriate. Thank you.