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Sunday 3rd July 2022

Welcome to worship this morning.

A note from Paul

In this week's reading from the Revised Common Lectionary, there is a tiny hint of one of the great themes of the Gospel of Luke. Jesus, the text tells us, sends out 70 disciples to share the good news in the surrounding villages. This number is significant. 70 is the number in the Hebrew Scriptures (what we often call the Old Testament) book of Numbers that is said to be the number of the nations of the earth.

In this one reference, the author of Luke flags what happens all through this Gospel and volume two, The Book of Acts – this is a story about the whole world.

To Jesus' first hearers and Luke's first readers, this idea would have been an explosion upsetting their whole world! From the very first words of Luke-Acts, when an angel tells Mary that her son will rule a never-ending kingdom to the arrival of Paul in Rome, the centre of the world. The Jews, the chosen people, as they termed themselves, are not chosen, it turns out, to be a separate, set-apart people; they are chosen to be the exemplars and the beginning of a new world of radical oneness and unity in which cultural/religious/political barriers evaporate in the warmth of universal love. As another angel says, to the shepherds announcing the birth of the one who will break, transcend, and ignore all the barriers, this is 'good news for all people.'

Paul

P.S. This universalising message is one of the reasons I like that the Uniting Church is generally committed to following the Revised Common Lectionary. I like knowing that congregations in so many denominations and countries are engaging in the great conversation of faith with the same text at the same time.

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 if you have been notified that you are 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.

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Please email newsletter items to newsletter@athelstonechurch.org.au by 5pm Wednesday.

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.

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

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, to make new friends through Facebook and Buddy Play dates, or to enjoy some nature play at Wirra Play Days.	Joy & Bruce Stewart
Wirra Play Days	20 th Sept & 6 th Dec. 10am – 11.30am. In the wirra!	Joy & Bruce Stewart

Wirra Play Day

The sun shone on us for our winter Wirra Play Day on 28th June, exploring “Around my world”, finishing with “Whoever you are” by Mem Fox at story time and snack on the logs.

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/>.

WIDER CHURCH

NAIDOC Week

As we enter NAIDOC Week this Sunday, the Uniting Church joins with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) in celebrating Australia's First Peoples and their place at the heart of our nation and our church. This year's theme is Get Up! Stand up! Show Up!

Keep an eye on the Assembly's website: <https://uniting.church/naidoc2022/> as they will be sharing links to resources that are part of the 'Living the Covenant Locally' initiative, and a number of other stories and reflections affirming our commitment to walk together as First and Second Peoples.

CMLA Book Club

'Can you please tell me a love story?'

Come join CMLA in a guided reading of Trent Dalton's beautifully written Love Stories. Inspired by a personal moment of profound love and generosity, Trent Dalton, bestselling author and one of Australia's finest journalists, spent two months in 2021 speaking to people from all walks of life, asking them one simple and direct question: 'Can you please tell me a love story?' The result is an immensely warm, poignant, funny and moving book about love in all its guises, including observations, reflections and stories of people falling into love, falling out of love, and never letting go of the loved ones in their hearts. A heartfelt, deep, wise and tingly tribute to the greatest thing we will never understand and the only thing we will ever really need: love.

How does the church tell love stories? What can we learn about love from the everyday and the commonplace? How does this form and inform our church communities and the worship we share?

There will be face-to-face and online sessions available:

Cost: \$25 for all 4 sessions. **Note the date change:** Now on Tuesday July 26 & August 2, 9, 16.

Face-to-face: 9.30-11am @ Café Fellini, 102 O'Connell St, North Adelaide.

Online: 7.30 pm-8.30pm. Tickets available through the CMLA website.

Wider Church News

Uniting Church in Australia: <https://uniting.church/>

Uniting Church in South Australia: <https://sa.uca.org.au/>

To receive SA UC E-News personally, subscribe at <https://sa.uca.org.au/uc-e-news/>

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

Wimala Presbytery website: <https://wimala.ucasa.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 immediately after each activity. **Please never assume** our cleaner will be cleaning that area before the next hall user as they alternate which areas they clean and do not always clean at the same time on a Monday. 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)

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
Tuesdays	9.30 – 10.30 am	Auditorium	Pilates
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	3 rd July	10 th July	Role	3 rd July	10 th July
Prayer with Preacher	Jennifer C	Tara S	Tick & Flick	Brenton S	Trevor C
Worship Leader	Lynton N	Jeff D	Door	Jayne N (Lynton N)	David R Jenny R
Preacher	Paul T	Paul T	Notices	Sylvia M	Lee O’C
Singer	Sylvia M Jeanine D Jeff D	Jeanine D Allan A Lyndon R	Count Offering	Trevor G Sam G	Sylvia M Friederike A-W
Sound Desk	Noel M	Noel M	Bible Reader	Ann B	Lee O’C
Data Projector	David W	David W	Flowers	Raelene A	Di C
Chair Steward	Glen L Jeff D	Scott T Sharon T	Communion Prep	Leanne S	N/A
Building Steward	Paul H	Noel M	Communion Servers	Sheralyn R Tara S	N/A
Zoom Production	Paul H	Tara S			

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.