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Do Young's day off is Friday

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Welcome to worship at Athelstone! Our preacher today is Rev Do Young Kim.

A NOTE FROM DO YOUNG

Dear friends! Have you heard of the book "Whale Done!: The Power of Positive Relationships"? It's a relatively short self-help book with five chapters, reflecting on relationships at work and home. The author had quite an experience during a Florida business trip – he saw a whale show and was amazed at how easily a three-ton whale followed its trainer's commands. The secret? Praise and encouragement!



The book emphasizes that praising good work, rather than punishing mistakes, channels positive energy and leads to better results. If I were to translate the title of this book into Korean, I might translate it like this. "Praise Can Make Even Whales Dance." It doesn't capture the original wordplay perfectly, but it conveys the essence.

If you look it up in the English dictionary, it has various expressions about the impact of praise, like "Praise breeds willingness" or "Praise youth, and it will prosper." However, it's important to recognize potential downsides too. Misguided praise can lead to misplaced confidence, and over-praise might breed complacency or ego. There's even a saying, "Praise fill not the belly," reminding us that praise alone doesn't satisfy real needs.

Now, why am I talking about praise and encouragement? Well, my September sermon theme is stewardship. Many churches, including ours, start thinking about next year's finances around this time, and discussions about giving naturally come up. However, please don't misunderstand – I'm not here to pressure or criticize. I want to encourage and praise you! I believe our church community has been wonderfully generous and faithful. I'm deeply grateful to God for your commitment.

That said, I feel we are being gently called to share just a little bit more. Over the next three weeks, I'll focus on delivering this message with humility and prayer. My hope is that we all, as good stewards, will bring joy to God through our generosity. I want these sermons to inspire you with courage and joy in your giving, encouraging you to give freely and with a sense of liberation.

Just like "Praise Can Make Even Whales Dance," I hope our shared message will fill you with joy and make you feel like dancing. Wouldn't it be wonderful if our giving could encourage God, and we could imagine Him dancing with joy because of our generosity?

Remember, God loves a cheerful giver. How great would it be if our giving and dedication could bring such joy to God that it makes Him dance? "Praise Can Make Even God Dance"

So, are you ready to dance together? If you are up for dancing joyfully with God through our giving and service, let's walk this path together!

Blessings

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Celebration of New Members – 15 Sept

We have something special planned for September 15th. After the sermon, we'd like to invite Melissa, Anthea and Ruth to come forward. We will share a few words of welcome, say a blessing prayer, and sing a song of blessing together to celebrate you becoming part of our family. This isn't anything official or administrative - it's simply a joyful moment to express our gratitude for meeting you at AUC and to affirm that we're one family in Christ.

Blessing of Animals Service – 29 Sept

Our "Blessing of the Animals" service is coming up on September 29. Please invite friends and neighbours to join us. This is a special service of thanksgiving and blessing for the pets and other animals that bring us joy and help us to live fuller lives. You can bring your pet (appropriately restrained, or a photo of a pet or endangered species that is important to you).

WORSHIP

Worship Online or at Home

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

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

Alternatively, enter this Meeting ID: 881 9165 2947 and pass code: 7777

Services are recorded each week. To request a copy please contact the church office.

If you are away or not able to connect with us on zoom you might find the Worship at Home resource a helpful alternative to use. This self-guided resource has been prepared by Rev Cheryl Wilson of Ascot Park Uniting and can be accessed each week at the following link: <https://sa.uca.org.au/worship-at-home/>

CHURCH COUNCIL

Congregational Meeting

Save the Date! A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday 22 September, following the morning service.

Church Council update

1. Exciting news as two of our young people Hayeon and Tara have been chosen to take part in a Cultural and mission awareness tour to Korea in late November. This tour will help develop relationships between members of the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK) and the Uniting Church SA. These tours have been occurring since 1992. This year 16 young people will be participating in the tour. Through these friendships and conversations, members of both churches have gained an understanding of being Christian in another culture.
2. Our church will be hosting the next Wimala Presbytery meeting at which the 76 member churches of the Wimala Presbytery have been invited to attend. The event will be held on Saturday 12 October from 9am to 4pm. We are being asked to conduct the opening worship component and to provide volunteers to help with morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. If willing to volunteer please speak with Jeff Dry.
3. In October, Synod will be conducting a statewide Safe Church Audit for all Uniting Churches and as such, Church Council will be reviewing the compliance of all our members to ensure we are providing a safe and welcoming environment. You may be contacted in coming weeks to check the status of your existing screening compliance for Working with Children Check.

CONNECT GROUPS

Sunday Night Group

A group from AUC have been meeting for a number of years on Sunday nights. We meet somewhere different each week. If you wish to join with us every Sunday or at any time, contact Melissa O'Hara 0402 474 353 or Robyn Fry 0411 499 125. We're going to Paradise Hotel this coming Sunday at 6.00pm.

Triple C's

Long time no catch up, but we can fix that by meeting again this Wednesday 11 September at 1030 for Chaps Coffee and Chat. Meet at Fine Foods Cucina Meredith Street Newton. Need a lift contact Ray or Eric. (Bob is finding the cheap plonk places in Spain/Portugal).

Regards Ray

Wirra – Watch and Wonder



The weeding season is in full swing! Plenty to share so come and join us if you have a few spare moments and enjoy the sunshine. Have you noticed the new display board on the back wall? Thanks to Richard for covering and installing it. We will be using it for the wirra displays that had previously been in the lower hall so watch out for seasonal updates. Currently we are heading in to wirltuti, spring and with warmer weather, the lizards are coming out of hibernation. *Joy and Bruce Stewart*

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 & 3 rd Tues of the month at 9.00am Indigo Espresso Cafe Current book series: 'The Kindness Revolution' by Hugh Mackay.	Office
Sunday Nights	6 pm. Venue varies each week.	Melissa O'Hara
Threads	2 nd & 4 th Tues of the month at 2-4 pm in Indigo Espresso Café	Office
Triple Cs – Men's Group	2 nd Wed of the month at 10.30 am. Venues vary.	Ray Walter
TOFs Fellowship Group	1 st Tues of the month. 2 – 4pm. Venues vary.	Sheralyn Robertson

MISSIONS

Here are just some of our ongoing mission projects at Athelstone UC:

Uniting Communities	Please keep bringing in your donations and let us fill the giving table
Aussie Bread tags for Wheelchairs	Bring your plastic bread tags to church to support this charity. You will find a container on the giving table. Please be sure to check your bread tags are plastic. You can do this by folding the bread tag. Cardboard bread tags bend, whilst plastics tags snap when folded. Cardboard tags can go in your green bin. <u>The charity can only use plastic tags.</u>
Sally Stamp	Bring stamps to the office or giving table to help with this ministry
Samaritan's Purse	September is time to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child – see the newsletter note for more information.

Operation Christmas Child

Suddenly it is September and the time to think about packing our shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. While you are collecting your goodies, remember the necessities as well as the extras including toys, school supplies, clothes, shoes, hygiene items and something to love. Knit some beanies or scarves; sew some skirts, pencil bags or library bags. You know the deal!

If you feel that you cannot pack a shoebox, remember that we also need to cover the cost of the shoebox (\$1 each) and the packing and transport (\$12:50 each). All donations gratefully accepted.

I will have the boxes at church for you to take on 15 September.

The last date for bring them back to the church will be 13 October when we will be blessing them before they go off.

God bless you all, Friederike



NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

Prayer Requests

Can we support you in prayer? Here is 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 Rev Do Young Kim for individual prayer or one the members of the Pastoral Care Oversight team (Lee O'Connell, Brenton Summers, Ann Brown and Bob Stevenson). 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 let Brenton Summers know. "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).

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.

WIDER CHURCH

Wimala Presbytery Youth Event - 22 Sept

The Wimala Presbytery holds occasional youth events, bringing young people from churches across the presbytery together for fun, food, community and faith building. At the next event, all youth are welcome to celebrate and reflect on the 'Season of Creation'. Sunday 22 September 12.30-4.30 pm at The Gums Reserve, Shakespeare Ave, Tranmere. Meet at the Yongala Community Shed. Lunch will be provided. Cost is \$5 per person. RSVP to Rebecca Purling by 15 September (for catering purposes).

Worship & Music Workshop – This Saturday!

Venue: Adelaide West Uniting Church, Brooklyn Park. When: Saturday 7 September from 9.30 – 4.00 pm

A great opportunity exists for anyone interested in attending this worthwhile workshop to learn more.

Think about joining us for a day of input, inspiration, ideas and skill development. Keynote speaker is Stephen Burns from Melbourne: "The Congregation is not an Audience".

Electives include:

- Worship and Preaching in a Multicultural Church
- Creative Ways to Engage Congregations in Singing
- Online Church and Communities of Faith
- Crafting Words for Worship
- Playing Jesus? – Presiding at the sacraments
- Learning and Teaching New Music
- The Word Comes Alive: Not Just a Bible Reading!
- Planning and Leading Intergenerational Worship
- Creative Ideas for Advent and Christmas
- Worship with No Musicians
- Art, Symbol and Imagination
- Copyright: The conversation you'd rather not have (but need to)

Please see Di Curtis if you would like to attend or for more information.

Further information can also be found at: <https://www.cmla.org.au/events/sing-a-new-song/>

25 years of Together in Song – 15 Sept

An afternoon of hymn and song singing, a guest artist and pop-up choir to celebrate 25 years since the publication of Sunday September 15 at 2.30 pm. Christ Church Uniting, 26 King William Road, Wayville. Afternoon tea provided.

Admission \$15 - all proceeds to the Christ Church Organ Scholarship Fund.

Book online at: <https://events.humanitix.com/25-years-of-together-in-song>

Take part in their poll to find out the local favourite TIS hymns/songs: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/72KTBT3>

Wider Church News - Links

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/>

Frontier News: <https://frontierservices.org/news-media/our-resources/frontier-news/>

Child Protection Week

This past week (Sept 1-7) marked National Child Protection Week across Australia. As a whole church and as communities of faith, the Uniting Church in Australia has a deep commitment to creating safe environments so that all people, including children and vulnerable people, may live life in all its fullness. "Every Conversation Matters". Be encouraged to speak up and speak together about what needs to happen so that every child and person in our community can safely grow and flourish. Child protection is about more than just compliance with working with children and vulnerable people checks, it's also about considering how we safe guard our churches and activities and developing a language and culture of safety and protection for all.

Season of Creation

The Season of Creation takes place from 1st September through to 4th October. This is an annual invitation to pray and reflect on our shared call to care for the earth – our common home and the blessed, beloved creation of God.

Here are some ways to engage with the Season of Creation in coming weeks:

- Spend some time outside this month. Look for signs of new life. Give thanks.
- Engage with our gardens: wakwakurnaku wirra (our endemic garden), our community garden and our peace garden.
- Volunteer in one of our gardens (contact Bruce and Joy Stewart or Di Curtis to find out more).
- Plan for our Blessing of Animal's service (on Sept 29). You can bring your pet (appropriately restrained), or a photo of a pet or endangered species important to you.
- On Sunday 6 October, Brain Polkinghorne will also be sharing with us on an environmental theme in our morning service.

CHURCH BUILDING BOOKINGS

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

Day	Time	Location	Hirer/User
Friday 6 Sept	6.30 – 10.00 pm	Whole Building	Family Dinner and Social Evening
Saturdays	9.30 – 12.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Saturday 7 & 14 Sept	1.30 – 3.00 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates (Instructor: Tahlia Towers)*
Mondays	4.45 – 6.45 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Mondays	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates (Instructor: Tahlia Towers)
Tuesdays	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates (Instructor: Tahlia Towers)
Tuesdays	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Wednesdays	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates (Instructor: Tahlia Towers)
Thursday 12 & 19 Sept	7.00 - 8.00 pm	Lower Hall	Gain Momentum Pilates (Instructor: Tahlia Towers)
Thursdays	7.00 – 8.00 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Mon, Wed, Fri	9.00 – 3.00 pm	Top Hall	Australian General Practice Network

*Our regular Pilates hirer, Nic Crocker, is on holidays. Tahlia Towers will be covering her classes in coming weeks and as a result, there are some changes to the booking schedule & you may see a new instructor around.

Athelstone Uniting Church acknowledges the Kurna people whom God placed as the traditional custodians of the country on which our church stands. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ROSTER

2024		Sun/8/Sep	Sun/15/Sep
Preaching & Liturgy	Worship Leader	Di Curtis	Jeff Dry
	Preacher	Do Young Kim	Do Young Kim
	Pray with Preacher	Stella Waugh	Glen Luestner
	Notices	Brenton Summers	Lee O'Connell
	Bible Reader	Ann Tubb	David Walker
Music Team	Piano / Keyboard	Celine Leslie	Shelley Walker
	Singers	Allan Amber	Janet Luestner
		Ann Brown	Jeanine Dry
		Jean Richardson	Di Curtis
	Guitar	Chris Pritchard	David Walker
	Bass / 2nd Guitar	Shelley Walker	
Drums / Percussion		Glen Luestner	
Technical	Sound Desk	Don Brown	Noel Maywald
	Data Operator	David Walker	Samantha Walker
	Zoom Production	Paul Howland	Tara Shirlock
Communion	Preparation	—	—
	Servers / Helpers	—	—
Engagement	Flowers	Di Curtis	Jenny Riggall
	Door Greeters	Hayeon Kim	Gus Robin
Dana Lim		Jan Robin	
Administration	Building Steward	Eric Hurrell	Noel Maywald
	Chair Stewards	Paul Howland	Janet Luestner
		Brenton Summers	Glen Luestner
	Tick and Flick	Trevor Curtis	Trevor Curtis
Count Offering	Paul Howland	Glen Luestner	
	Sylvia Maywald	David Walker	

If you cannot take your turn, please swap with someone, or if late notice contact the worship leader or Rev Do Young Kim for that service as appropriate. Thank you.