



Order of Service and Weekly Newsletter

Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove
Uniting Church in Australia

Sunday August 4th 2019

WELCOME AND NOTICES

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE FIRST PEOPLES

With respect and gratitude for the original custodians of this land, the Wadawurrung people, we gather together this day to affirm in hope and faith, that we can create sacred space of welcome for all who live in Australia.

CALL TO CELEBRATION

Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life in the presentness of Creativity God.

**INTROIT HYMN TIS 390 “Jesus is Lord of all the earth”
Verse 5**

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

The candle is lit

This is the light that is lit for everyone who comes into the world. Bear this light to others, one by one. Let the flame go from life to life till all is lit with its warmth,

OPENING SENTENCES

We are moved to awe and wonder at the grandeur, the poetry, the richness of natural beauty.

It fills us with joy and thanksgiving.

And then all that has divided us will merge and compassion will be wedded to power.

Softness and wonder will come to a world that is harsh and unkind.

And then both men and women will be gentle.

Both women and men will be strong.

And then no person will be subject to another's will.

All will be rich and free and varied.

And then the greed of some will give way to the needs of many.

All will share equally in Earth's abundance.

And then all will care for the sick and the weak.

The old will nourish the young.

And then all will cherish life's creatures,

And will live in harmony with each other and the Earth.

And then everywhere will be called Eden once again.

PRAYER

God of the important and the common place, you reach into our lives through story. Open our hearts to be attentive; that seeing, we may perceive, and hearing we may understand, and understanding, we may act.

Amen.

HYMN TIS 693 “Come as your are, that’s how I want you”

JOURNEY INTO SILENCE

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

If we were self sufficient, and had all the answers,

We would not be here, all-wise God.

If our achievements matched our aims and if our deeds perfectly reflected our holist vows.

We would not be so spiritually hungry, God of truth and grace.

If we had cared for our neighbours with the love of Jesus Christ, and cherished our loved ones without selfishness or impatience,

We would not be seeking your mercy, redeeming God.

We bring to you.....

THE ASSURANCE

.....the door to life has been opened to us.

Thanks be to God!

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

We come to see with new eyes and hear with eager ears.

Let our hearts be open to the word of grace.

Colossians 3: 1-11

Luke 12: 13-21

The spirit is alive in the words of scripture

Let us live our lives in accordance with the Word.

A WORD WITH THE YOUNGER PEOPLE

HYMN “Bigger Barns are What I need” (Tune 314)

A CONTEMPORARY WITNESS

“A Letter to Jesus”

HYMN TIS 614
“O God of love, whose heart is ever yearning”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY IN THE EUCHARIST

WELCOMING TO THE TABLE

At this table we give thanks for justice, love, peace and freedom.

At this table we give thanks for friends and strangers.

At this table we welcome old and young.

All are invited.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION

Let us break bread together.

Together, we celebrate the festival of our liberation.

Bread and wine served.

HYMN TIS 621 “O God of every nation”

SENDING OUT

...As we leave this place of worship and celebration: may we remember that each day offers more things than we can do.

**May we do what needs to be done, postpone what does not,
and be at peace with what we can be and do.**

Therefore, may we learn to separate that which matters most.

From that which matters least of all.

SUNG BENEDICTION HYMN TIS 778

“Shalom to you now, shalom my friends”

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.

May God’s full mercies bless you my friends.

In your living and through your loving.

Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom

Win O'Brien, a long time member of Barwon Heads is now out of hospital and is with her Gail at Willow Grove Gippsland. Win appreciates the many messages she has received from Barwon Heads people and thanks you for them.

Ocean Grove Church Council will meet on Thursday August 8th at 4.30pm in the church foyer.

If you are not able to attend, kindly send your apology to the church email address.

Barwon Heads Ladies Fellowship Group will meet again next Wednesday, August 7th at 1.30pm. We look forward to Cathy's presentation and our enjoyable get together.

Recycled Treasure & New Clothing Sale
Saturday
August 17th
8.00am—12noon
Ocean Grove
Uniting Church
Hall and "The Taj"
Bargains for everyone
one, so tell your
family, friends and
neighbours.

Can you help set up the Recycled Treasure Sale?
Helpers needed on Friday August 16th
from 12 noon.
Then selling begins at 8.00am on the Saturday.
Packing up will begin at 12noon and the
BBQ Chef is Fred Andrews.