

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost @ Ashburton-Burwood UCA



19th July 2026

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We Gather

Welcome **Fran Willmott**

Opening Hymn **Lance Schlipalius**

TIS 153 "God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him"

Acknowledgement of Country

Fran Willmott

We acknowledge all First Peoples of the beautiful lands on which we live and celebrate their enduring knowledge and connections to Country. We honour their wisdom and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

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Call to worship **Fran Willmott**

In the midst of a world that groans, God is present.

We come with our hopes and our burdens.

In the midst of lives still growing and changing, Christ calls us.

We come to receive grace and to offer grace.

Let us worship the God who is patient, faithful, and full of love.

We worship God together.

Peace **Rev. Yoo Mi Park**

The peace of the risen Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Loving and patient God,

We praise you because you are faithful in every generation.

You are the God who creates life, nurtures growth, and never abandons the work of your hands.

Your mercy is greater than our failures, your wisdom deeper than our understanding, and your love wider than we can imagine.

You do not see us as finished people, but as people whom you continue to shape by your grace.

For this, we give you thanks.

Merciful God,

We confess that we are often impatient.

We want quick answers, quick solutions, and quick judgments.

Too easily we decide who is right and who is wrong.

Too quickly we label others, while overlooking the work you are still doing in their lives—and in our own.

Forgive us when we speak without listening, when we judge without understanding, and when we forget that we, too, depend on your mercy each day.

Give us courage to speak the truth where truth is needed.

Give us compassion to protect those who are vulnerable.

And give us humility to leave final judgment in your hands.

Renew us by your Spirit,

that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news.

The God who calls us to repentance is also the God whose mercy never fails.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven,
not because we are already perfect,
but because God's grace is at work within us.**

The One who has begun a good work in us will be faithful to bring it to completion.

So receive God's forgiveness.

Walk in the freedom of Christ.

And continue to grow together in grace and peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn of Praise [Lance Schlipalius](#)

TIS 417 "Loving Spirit"

[Selected by Anne Forrest](#)

We Listen

[Ian Willmott, Robin Foote](#)

Your word is a lamp to our feet.

A light to our path.

Romans 8:18–25 - p. 1118 in pew bibles

Present Suffering and Future Glory

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43- p.969 in pew bibles

The Parable of the Weeds

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. ²⁷ "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' ²⁸ "'An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' ²⁹ "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'" ...

The Parable of the Weeds Explained

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. ⁴⁰ "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

Lord, may your word live in us.

And bear much fruit for your glory.

Sermon: Living with the Weeds

We Respond

Hymn of Response [Lance Schlipalius](#)
TIS 547 “Be Thou My Vision”

Notices [Fran Willmott](#)

Prayers of the People [Fran Willmott](#)

The Lord’s Prayer [Fran Willmott](#)

We are sent

Offering invitation

Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Hymn of Sending [Lance Schlipalius](#)
TIS 611 “God of Grace and God of Glory”
(Tune: CWM RHONDDA TIS 569)

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God,
receive these gifts and receive our lives.
Use what we offer for the growth of your
reign— in this community and in the world.
Amen.

Commission and Blessing

Go in peace.
May the God who is patient with you
make you patient with others.
May Christ give you courage to live truthfully
and lovingly.
May the Holy Spirit help you grow in grace.

And the blessing of God—Creator, Christ, and
Holy Spirit—
be with you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Sung Blessing [Lance Schlipalius](#)
TIS 778 “Shalom to you now”

Postlude

Minister: Rev Yoo Mi Park
Worship leader: Fran Willmott
Prayers: Fran Willmott
Narthex/Count Leader: Angus Moore
Door, Greeting, Offering: Tom Thorpe
Organ/ Pianist: Anne Forrest
Song Leader: Lance Schlipalius
Musicians: Megan McLaughlin,
Anne Campbell, Miff Schlipalius
Readers: Ian Willmott, Robin Foote
Computer/Sound: Adrian Miller
Power Point: Adrian Miller
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Glen Schlipalius, Dawn Sullivan
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Dawn Sullivan