

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Service**  
**@ Ashburton-Burwood UCA**  
**2nd August 2026**



**We Gather**

**Welcome** **Andrew Wilkinson**

**Opening Hymn:** **Megan McLaughlin**  
**"All the hungry, all the thirsty"**  
**(Tune: Ode to Joy TIS 152)**

All the hungry, all the thirsty,  
 all who look for strength may come,  
 all the needy, all the lonely,  
 all who long to find a home.  
 Here's a door that's always open,  
 here's a table spread for all,  
 here a welcome, here a family,  
 here your heart can hear God's call.

All the gifted, all the joyful,  
 all whose hope is strong, come too,  
 come with overflowing blessings,  
 come with reassures old and new.  
 Here's a task that needs those riches,  
 here good news is always heard,  
 here a living faith grows bolder,  
 here your voice can speak God's word.

All the gifts of God's peoples,  
 all the struggles, all the pain,  
 all the Spirit-led abundance,  
 all the grief and loss and gain –  
 brought together in one Body,  
 burdens lighten, joys increase,  
 and together we can ask for  
 Jesus 'strength and Jesus 'peace.

All God's people, praise your Maker,  
 praise the one who called you here.  
 All disciples, praise your Teacher;  
 loving, leading, always near.  
 All you faithful, praise the Spirit,  
 lifting every heart to pray.  
 Praise the Holy One who gives us  
 grace along the travellers 'way.  
**(Words: Elizabeth Smith)**

**Acknowledgement of Country**

**Andrew Wilkinson**

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.** **Andrew Wilkinson**

*Based on Isaiah 55:10-13*

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the  
 waters.

**Come and be satisfied.**

God's word goes out, it will not return empty,  
 but will accomplish what God desires.

**Come and be satisfied.**

You will go out in joy and be led in peace.  
 The mountains and the hills will break into  
 song.

**Let us worship God, source of life and hope.**

**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 God,  
 you call us to a feast where all are welcome.  
 You provide more than we can imagine.

**Let us praise your name.**

Forgive us, O God.

when we turn away from those in need, when we close our hearts, when we trust our own resources more than your promises.

**Have mercy on us.**

Renew us by your Spirit, that we may live as your people, sharing your compassion and your abundant grace. **Amen.**

(A short silence is kept.)

## Words of Assurance

Hear the good news:

The word of God does not return empty.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and made new. Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn of Praise:** [Megan McLaughlin](#)

**TIS 111 “Praise to the Lord”**

**(v. 1, 2, 3, & 5)**

[Selected by Anne Forrest](#)

## We Listen

[Readers: Graeme & Jenny Stone](#)

Your word is a lamp to our feet.

**A light to our path.**

***Isaiah 55:10-13*** — NIV - p. 733 in *pew bibles*

<sup>10</sup> As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, <sup>11</sup> so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup> You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. <sup>13</sup> Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD's renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever."

***Matthew 14:13-21*** — NIV p.970 in *pew bibles*

## Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup> As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." <sup>16</sup> Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup> "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. <sup>18</sup> "Bring them here to me," he said. <sup>19</sup> And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. <sup>20</sup> They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. <sup>21</sup> The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Lord, may your word live in us.

**And bear much fruit for your glory.**

## Sermon: “The Reign of God is Shared”

### We Respond

#### Reception of a Member

[Alison Wright](#) brings forward Sarah Morgan to be received and says:

The Uniting Church in Australia affirms that every member of the church is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified and to be his faithful servant.

In each congregation the members are to meet regularly to hear God's Word, to celebrate the sacraments, to build one another up in love, to share in the wider responsibilities of the church, and to serve the world.

I present to you **Sarah Morgan**  
to be received as a baptised member of this  
congregation.

*The minister asks:*

**Sarah**, do you accept membership in this  
congregation, promising to share in the life  
and worship of the church?

**Sarah says: I do.**

*The minister asks the congregation:*

Will you welcome **Sarah**  
into the fellowship of this congregation, and  
will you offer her your friendship and support?

**Congregation says: We will.**

Let us pray:

O God of love and compassion,  
we praise you for calling us to faith and for  
gathering us into the church, the body of  
Christ.

We thank you for this congregation of your  
people and rejoice that you have added to our  
number, Sarah our sister in the faith.  
Together may we live in the Spirit, building  
one another up in love, sharing in the life of  
the church, and serving the world;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The minister takes the hand of the new  
member and says:*

Sarah as a sign of our welcome, we give you  
the right hand of fellowship.

Representatives of Council and the  
congregation, please come forward and greet  
the new member.

**Anne Campbell** speaks words of welcome on  
behalf of the congregation.

**Hymn of Response: Megan McLaughlin**  
**TIS 538 "Feed us Now"**

**Notices Andrew Wilkinson**

**Prayers of the People Andrew Wilkinson**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

*Invitation to the Table*

Friends, this is the table of our Lord Jesus  
Christ.

Through the prophet Isaiah, God invites us:  
"Come, all you who are thirsty... Come, buy  
and eat without money and without price."

In today's Gospel, Jesus welcomed the crowd,  
had compassion on them, and fed them until  
all were satisfied.

This is not our table. It is Christ's table.

All who seek his grace and long for God's reign  
are welcome.

*Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Generous God,  
you are the source of life and every good gift.  
You satisfy the hungry,  
welcome the stranger,  
and call all people to your feast.

In Jesus Christ,  
you revealed your kingdom through  
compassion.

He fed the hungry,  
healed the broken,  
welcomed the outcast,  
and gathered people around his table.

Therefore, with all your people in every time  
and place, we praise your holy name:

**TIS 761**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and  
might. Heaven and earth full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest. Bless'd is he who**

comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest. ”

### ***Words of Institution***

On the night before He died, Jesus shared a meal with His disciples.

He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:  
“Take and eat, this is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me”

After supper, He took the cup, gave thanks and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

### ***Prayer of Consecration***

Come, Holy Spirit,  
bless us and these gifts of bread and cup,  
that as we share this meal we may be  
nourished by Christ and strengthened to be his  
Body in the world.  
Lead us from parable to table,  
from compassion to community,  
until your reign is seen among us.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### ***Breaking of the Bread***

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.  
The cup we take is a sharing in the blood of Christ.  
The gifts of God for the people of God.

### ***Communion***

Come, not because you have enough,  
but because Christ is enough.  
Come and receive the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

### ***Prayer After Communion***

Generous God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and the cup of grace.

Send us now to share what we have,  
to welcome those who are alone,  
and to live with the compassion of Christ,  
so that your kingdom may be seen  
in our homes, our community, and our world.  
In Jesus 'name. Amen.

## **We are sent**

Let us offer our selves and gifts.

**Hymn of Sending:** [Megan McLaughlin](#)  
**TIS 537 “Let us talents and tongues employ”**

### **Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God,  
Receive these gifts and receive our lives.  
Use them to bring hope to the weary,  
welcome to the lonely, and healing to places of pain.  
May Your reign becomes visible through acts of compassion, hospitality, and grace.  
In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### **Commissioning and Blessing**

Go from this table as people of the reign of God.  
Share what you have.  
Show compassion.  
Build community.  
Bring hope.  
Give life.

May the God of abundance fill you with joy.  
May Christ Jesus strengthen your hands to share.  
May the Holy Spirit lead you in peace.  
The blessing of God almighty,  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,  
be upon 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:** [Megan McLaughlin](#)  
**TIS 779 “May the feet of God walk with  
you”**

### **Postlude**

Minister: Rev Yoo Mi Park  
Worship leader: Andrew Wilkinson  
Prayers: Andrew Wilkinson  
Narthex/Count Leader: Alan Bailey  
Door, Greeting, Offering: Max Procter  
Organist: Colin Prohasky  
Pianist: Anne Forrest  
Song Leader: Megan McLaughlin  
Readers: Graeme Stone, Jenny Stone  
Computer/Sound: Alison Wright  
Power Point: David Wright  
YouTube Link: David Wright  
Communion Stewards: Anne Campbell,  
Kathryn Graham, Tina Wong, Dawn Sullivan  
Morning Tea/Clean Up: Pam Degenhardt,  
Jenny Stone, Miff Schlipalius  
Online Communications: Christine Chappell/  
Dawn Sullivan