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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost @ Ashburton-Burwood UCA 9th August 2026



We Gather

Welcome [Fran Willmott](#)

Opening Hymn [Lance Schlipalius](#)

TIS 210 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (V. 1,2,4 & 6)

Selected by Anne Forrest

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 storms and uncertainty,
Christ comes to us across the waves.

**We turn our eyes to the One who says,
"Come."**

When fear distracts us and our faith becomes small,
Christ reaches out His hand and holds us fast.

The word is near us,
on our lips and in our hearts.

**We come to worship the living Christ,
who calls, saves, and leads us in faith.**

Peace [Rev. Yoo Mi Park](#)

The peace of the risen Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Gracious and faithful God,
You are the Lord of sea and sky,
the One who rules over wind and wave.
No storm is beyond Your power,
and no life is beyond Your care.

When we cannot see the way ahead,
You come to us.

When fear overwhelms us,
You speak Your simple invitation:
"Come."

We praise You because Your grace is always
quicker than our failure.
Before we understand, You call.
Before we are strong, You strengthen.
Before we can reach You, You reach out to us.

Merciful God,
We confess that our attention is often
misplaced.
We become absorbed by our fears,
our worries, our disappointments,
and the uncertainty before us.
Instead of fixing our eyes on Christ,
we fix them on the wind and the waves.
We confess that our faith becomes small,
not because You are absent,
but because we lose sight of Your presence.
Forgive us.

Turn our eyes again toward Jesus,
who calls us, holds us, and never lets us go.
In His holy name we pray.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news.
When Peter cried, "Lord, save me!"
Matthew tells us,

“Immediately Jesus reached out His hand and caught him.”

Our hope rests not in the strength of our faith, but in the faithfulness of Christ.

**In Jesus Christ,
our sins are forgiven,
our fears are met with mercy,
and our lives are held securely in His hands.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise [Lance Schlipalius](#)
TIS 659 “The Lord is my shepherd”
Selected by Anne Forrest

We Listen

[Alan Bailey, Val Nixon](#)

Your word is a lamp to our feet.
A light to our path.

Romans 10:5-15 - NIV - p. 1121 in pew bibles
⁵ Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in?

And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Matthew 14:22-33 NIV - p.970 in pew bibles

Jesus Walks on the Water

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. ²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” ²⁸ “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Lord, may your word live in us.
And bear much fruit for your glory.

Sermon: Stepping Out in Faith

We Respond

Hymn of Response **Lance Schlipalius**

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus"

1. O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Saviour,
And life more abundant and free!

Refrain

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely
dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

2. Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there;
O'er us sin no more hath dominion-
For more than conqu'rors we are!

Refrain

3. His Word shall not fail you-He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

Refrain

Notices **Fran Willmott**

Prayers of the People **Anne Campbell**

The Lord's Prayer

We are sent

Offering invitation

Jesus calls us, *Come.*"

In gratitude for His grace, let us offer our gifts
and ourselves for God's work in the world.

Hymn of Sending **Lance Schlipalius**

TIS 717

"Give thanks with a grateful heart"

Selected by Anne Forrest

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God,
Receive these gifts and receive our lives.

Use them to share Your love, serve our
neighbours, and proclaim the good news of
Christ.

Help us to trust Your call and to follow You in
faith. In Jesus 'name we pray. Amen.

Commission and Blessing

Go in peace, keeping your eyes fixed on Christ.
When fear rises, remember His invitation:
"Come."

Walk in faith, trusting that the One who calls
you will also hold you fast.

May the God who calls you,
the Christ who reaches out His hand,
and the Holy Spirit who strengthens your faith,
keep your eyes fixed on Jesus,
give you courage for each new step,
and fill you with His peace.

And the blessing of God,
Father, Son, 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

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Organist/Pianist: Anne Forrest

Song Leader: Lance Schlipalius

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