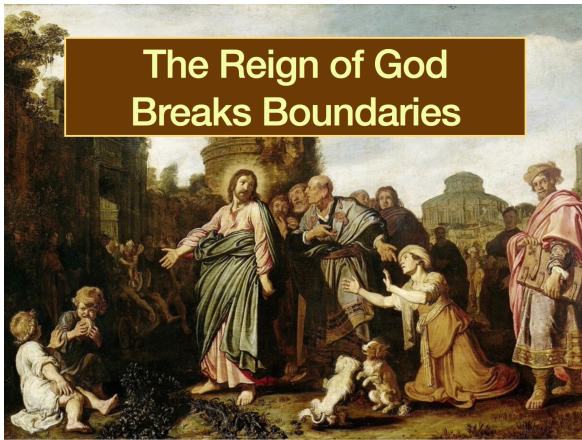


**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
@ Ashburton-Burwood UCA
16th August 2026**



We Gather

Welcome [Mary Casey](#)

Opening Hymn [Lance Schlipalius](#)

TIS 411 “Filled with the Spirit’s power”

Selected by [Anne Forrest](#)

Acknowledgement of Country

[Mary Casey](#)

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 [Mary Casey](#)

Come, for God’s grace is abundant.

We come with open hearts.

Come, for Christ welcomes those who are near and those who are far away.

We come to the table of grace.

Come, for the reign of God breaks down the walls that divide us.

May our hearts be cleansed and our tables made wider.

Let us worship God.

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 merciful God,
your love is wider than our understanding,
your grace reaches beyond the boundaries we create, and your welcome is greater than we can imagine.

We praise you because you see every person,
you hear every cry, and you never withhold your mercy from those who seek you.

Yet, merciful God,
we confess that we sometimes build boundaries in our hearts.
We judge before we understand.
We exclude before we welcome.
We allow fear, prejudice and pride to shape the way we see others.

Forgive us, Lord.

Cleanse our hearts and open our eyes to those we have overlooked.

Teach us to see others as you see them,
to welcome as you welcome,
and to share your grace generously.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news:

Christ welcomes us not because we have earned our place, but because God is gracious.

In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed and welcomed. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn of Praise [Lance Schlipalius](#)

TIS 158 “God has spoken by his prophets”

Selected by [Anne Forrest](#)

We Listen

Glen Schlipalius, Lance Schlipalius

Your word is a lamp to our feet.

A light to our path.

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

Lord, may your word live in us.

And bear much fruit for your glory.

Sermon: The Reign of God Breaks Boundaries

We Respond

Hymn of Response Lance Schlipalius

TIS 459(i) "In Christ there is no east or west"

Notices Mary Casey

Prayers of the People Mary Casey

The Lord's Prayer

We are sent

Offering invitation

God has welcomed us generously.

Let us now offer what we have received,
that God's love may be shared more widely.

Hymn of Sending Lance Schlipalius
"The Summons"

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God,
receive these gifts and our lives.
Use them to widen your welcome
and share your love with others.
Amen.

Commission and Blessing

Go now with open hearts.

Where there are boundaries, build bridges.

Where there is exclusion, make room.

Where there is need, share God's grace.

Go and widen the table.

May the grace of Christ welcome you,

the love of God fill you,

and the Spirit give you courage

to make room for others.

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: Mary Casey

Prayers: Mary Casey

Narthex/Count Leader: Maree Silver

Door, Greeting, Offering: Graeme Silver

Organ/ Pianist: Anne Forrest

Song Leader: Lance Schlipalius

Musicians: Megan McLaughlin, Anne

Campbell, Miff Schlipalius

Readers: Glen Schlipalius, Lance Schlipalius

Computer/Sound: Adrian Miller

Power Point: Adrian Miller

Youtube Link: Richard Hedding

Flowers: Maree Silver & Lindley Webb

Morning Tea/Clean Up: Glen Schlipalius, Libby

McLauchlan, Jenny Stone

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