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**YrA Twenty-First Sunday
after Pentecost
@ Ashburton-Burwood UCA**



18th October 2026

We Gather

Welcome [Michael Donnelly](#)

Opening Hymn [Alan Bailey](#)

TIS 717 "Give Thanks with a grateful heart"

Selected by Anne Forrest

Acknowledgement of Country

[Michael Donnelly](#)

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today.

We honour their deep and continuing connection to this land, to its waterways, its creatures, and all living things.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples among us today.

**As we gather for worship,
may we learn to care more faithfully for this
land, to honour its stories, and to walk
together towards a future marked by justice,
respect and reconciliation. Amen.**

Call to worship [Michael Donnelly](#)

God calls us to walk in ways we cannot always see.

We come seeking God's wisdom and guidance.

God meets us in our questions, our changes and our uncertainties.

We come trusting that God will walk with us.

Come, let us worship the God who is holy, gracious and present among us.

God, show us your ways, and lead us as your people. Amen.

Peace [Rev. Yoo Mi Park](#)

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

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Faithful and holy God,

You are greater than we can imagine, yet you draw near to us in love.

You led your people through the wilderness, and you remain faithful through every season of life.

When our way is uncertain, your goodness sustains us. When we cannot see the whole journey, your presence gives us hope.

We worship you, trusting that you are with us and that your ways lead us towards life.

Gracious God,

We confess that we sometimes become so concerned about the future that we forget to seek your presence.

We hold tightly to what is familiar.

We struggle when others see things differently. We are sometimes quicker to

defend our own plans than to listen with patience and love.
 Forgive us when fear shapes our decisions and when we forget that we are called to walk together as your people.
 Renew our hearts, deepen our trust in you, and teach us your ways.
 In Christ's name. **Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
 God does not abandon us in our uncertainty, but calls us into renewed relationship and faithful living.

In Jesus Christ, we receive forgiveness, hope and the grace to begin again.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: [Alan Bailey](#)
“Oh the Mercy of God” by Geoff Bullock
[Selected by Anne Forrest](#)

We Listen

[Maree Siver, Graeme Silver](#)
 Your word is a lamp to our feet.
A light to our path.

Exodus 33:12-23 - p. 87 in *pew bibles*

Moses and the glory of the Lord

¹² Moses said to the Lord, ‘You have been telling me, “Lead these people,” but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, “I know you by name and you have found favour with me.”’ ¹³ If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favour with you. Remember that this nation is your people.’

¹⁴ The Lord replied, ‘My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.’

¹⁵ Then Moses said to him, ‘If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from

here.’ ¹⁶ How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?’

¹⁷ And the Lord said to Moses, ‘I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.’

¹⁸ Then Moses said, ‘Now show me your glory.’

¹⁹ And the Lord said, ‘I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.’ ²⁰ But,’ he said, ‘you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.’

²¹ Then the Lord said, ‘There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock.’ ²² When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.’

Psalm 99- p. 593 in *pew bibles*

¹ The Lord reigns,
 let the nations tremble;
 he sits enthroned between the cherubim,
 let the earth shake.

² Great is the Lord in Zion;
 he is exalted over all the nations.

³ Let them praise your great and awesome name –
 he is holy.

⁴ The King is mighty, he loves justice –
 you have established equity;
 in Jacob you have done
 what is just and right.

⁵ Exalt the Lord our God
 and worship at his footstool;
 he is holy.

⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
 Samuel was among those who called on his name;
 they called on the Lord
 and he answered them.

⁷ He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;
they kept his statutes and the decrees he
gave them.

⁸ Lord our God,
you answered them;
you were to Israel a forgiving God,
though you punished their misdeeds.

⁹ Exalt the Lord our God
and worship at his holy mountain,
for the Lord our God is holy.

Lord, may your word live in us.

And bear much fruit for your glory.

Sermon: “Show Me Your Ways”

We Respond

Hymn of Response: [Alan Bailey](#)
“The steadfast love of the Lord never
ceases” by Edith McNeill

Selected by Anne Forrest

Notices [Michael Donnelly](#)

Prayers of the People [Anne Campbell](#)

The Lord’s Prayer

We are sent

Offering Invitation

God has been generous to us in countless
ways.

As we offer our gifts, we offer more than
money. We offer our time, our abilities, our
compassion and our willingness to serve.
May these gifts help us become a community
where people encounter God's love and find a
place to belong.

Let us give with grateful hearts.

Hymn of Sending: [Alan Bailey](#)
“Trust and Obey”

Selected by Anne Forrest

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God,
We offer these gifts to you with thanksgiving.
Bless what we give and how we serve. Guide
us in using our resources wisely, caring for one
another faithfully and welcoming our
neighbours generously.
May all that we offer help others discover your
goodness and reconnect their lives with you.
In Christ's name. **Amen.**

Commissioning and Blessing

As we leave this place, we do not need to
know every step of the journey.

**We are called to seek God's ways, listen to
one another and walk together in faith.**

Go with open hearts, ready to learn, ready to
serve and ready to welcome what God may be
doing among us.

**With God's help, we will walk together in
faith.**

May the God who led Moses through the
wilderness guide you in every season of
change.

May Christ give you courage when the way is
uncertain, and may the Holy Spirit shape you
into a community of grace, patience and love.

**And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, now and always. Amen.**

Dismissal

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

Sung Blessing: [Alan Bailey](#)
“Turn your eyes upon Jesus”
(Refrain only x 2)

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

Postlude

Minister: Rev. Yoo Mi Park
Worship leader: Michael Donnelly
Prayers: Anne Campbell
Narthex/Count Leader: Angus Moore
Door, Greeting, Offering: Jenny Liddle
Pianist: Anne Forrest
Song Leader: Alan Bailey
Musicians: Megan McLaughlin, Miff
Schlipalius, Anne Campbell
Readers: Maree Silver, Graeme Silver
Computer/Sound: Libby McLauchlan
Power Point: Michael Donnelly
Zoom Link: Michael Donnelly
Flowers: Maree Silver & Lindley Webb
Morning Tea/Clean Up: Jill Capstick, Kathryn
Graham, Angus Moore
Online Communications: Christine Chappell/
Dawn Sullivan

After this morning's 10am service we invite everyone to come to morning tea and ongoing conversation in the LightHouse... follow the people! All are welcome.