

Transfiguration

2Kings2:1-12

Psalms50:1-6

2Cor4:3-6

Mark9:2-9



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Acceptance, Hope and Transformation in Jesus

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**news
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If you are new or visiting Adelaide West Uniting Church we are pleased you are here.

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands of the Kurna people. We pay respect to their traditions and their elders and commit to working toward reconciliation in our land.

Transfiguration Sunday

Today we come to the end of the season of Epiphany. Each season ends with a celebration day and this week the celebration is Transfiguration Sunday. In Epiphany the focus is on learning things about Jesus. Having seen and learnt all sorts of things during Epiphany Transfiguration Sunday gathers some of the disciples on a high mountain. High mountains were places where people expected to encounter the divine and clouds were often present. There are a number of times in the Jewish scriptures where divine encounters happen on mountain tops. For a moment those present see beyond the normal things of life and see something more of who God is what God's desires are for our world.

In the reading today there is a voice and Jesus' direct connection with God is highlighted. Jesus is God's beloved. We all are. And we are challenged to listen deeply to Jesus. All of us have places where it seems easier to encounter God. Some people call these thin places. Wherever your thin place is the Transfiguration invites you to go there and listen for the voice of Jesus. It will be a place where love is experienced, where hope is found and where a desire to transform the world to be a place of justice, peace and wholeness will be rekindled.

Rod Dyson

Sunday Worship times:

creative traditional	9.15am
family worship	10.45am
youth & young adults	5.00pm



Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**



Welcome to Worship,

Today in Kids' Space our Seahorses are looking at "Creation" and our Mussels & Dolphins are looking at Luke 2: 39-52 and talking about "Growing with God. Our Orcas are looking at Luke 3:1 – 4:13 with the title Ready...set...!

Please keep the Children and Leaders in your prayers as they settle into their new groups here at Kids' Space and also for those who have new environments for Kindy, School etc. and new workplaces and especially new challenges!

Blessings Lorraine
Children and Families Pastor.

A place to belong, learn to believe in & become like Jesus

Engage Youth

Engage Youth welcomes all youth in years 7-12 to come, hang out, relax, eat, make new friends, meet awesome leaders and most importantly *engage* with God!

This week we continue with our series on Jesus' *I AM* series... This week "***I am the light of the world***".

Engage Youth runs from 6-9:30pm at AWUC and includes dinner and dessert for \$5. Questions? Please contact Jack: 0433 763 908 or youth@awuc.org.au

Jack Harington

Bequest

Some of you will remember Bruce Parken who was a member of Brooklyn Park Uniting Church. We have recently received a \$2000 cheque after the settlement of his estate.

Connect groups

AWUC Connect groups are starting to swing into action as the year begins. If you are not a part of a group yet but interested in finding out more or keen to start a brand new group in your area please contact Dorothy Crosby on 0434891558 or email at xbfam@internode.on.net

A Place of Acceptance, Hope and Transformation...

A conversation we have been having in council since the results of the church survey were released is how to invite members of the AWUC community that indicated they wanted to be more involved... to be more involved.

Exploring this question further of how we as a community interact and share life with one another across the congregations, engage our gifts and show our care in different practical ways.... and how we can do this better. We are all in different seasons of life and so this looks different for everyone.

A suggestion that has taken shape is for members of the congregation to have a think about the gifts they bring to this community and for us to compile a registry of the various ways people like to, or feel able bless others. Some people's lives are very committed and may not have much time available outside the current demands of family or work life or someone may have physical limitations that limit what they can offer to help.

The care team is seeking to work with the admin team at AWUC to build a registry of sorts. Please help us by contacting the office and letting them know what it is you love to do and what time you have available in your life to do it(this maybe 20 minutes once a month or an hour a week). It maybe that you have some gardening equipment you are happy to loan out to people or some time to ring someone, or a different skill you are happy to share(cooking a meal, sewing, painting, computer IT knowledge, admin skills).

Please do not feel any pressure or obligation to do this but see it as an invitation....our hope is that we will develop a registry of sorts where someone's gift can be connected to someone's need...when they need it.

Thanks for getting onboard to help us as we seek to share life together in this community.

Blessings, Dorothy.



KCO- "Welcome – a Place to Belong" registrations are now open and the procedure is different this year! **TODAY we have some computers available in the foyer to use to register for KCO, especially for those who do not have access but also for your convenience.** You will need to register online at <https://events.sa.uca.org.au/kids-camp-out/kco-2018> . You will need to pay Synod at this time with a credit card. (if you do not have access to a credit card or you need financial assistance I am waiting for a code that will let you past this point).

Early bird registration closes tomorrow Monday 12th February, 2018 at gam and all registrations close on Monday 26th February, 2018.

Please note: "Adelaide West Uniting Church" is the name of our group for KCO.

Once you have registered online you will also need to see me to pay for the AWUC component of camp (food and transportation).

If you are planning on being a Leader at KCO, please do not register yet, but let me know of your interest.

****Please note that AWUC do not offer part time registration or sibling registration (unless discussed with Lorraine). We discourage visitors because these will place an added demand on our already very busy leaders. ****

Any monetary donations will be gratefully received, please either give to Lorraine or in an envelope marked KCO 2018, thank you in advance.

Lorraine , KCO, AWUC - Group Coordinator.

Lent Series during our worship services

During Lent we will be reframing the Lenten disciplines. Lent is often about going without certain things – coffee, chocolate, alcohol etc and focusing more on disciplines like fasting, prayer and bible reading. This year we will reframe these helpful disciplines. We will be drawing on the book, "A World Worth Saving: Lenten Spiritual practices for action." The series will include topics like noticing the pain of the world, serving others, seeing ourselves as God's children, acting justly, living in moderation and forgiving others. Lent starts on the 18th of February. At night the focus will be on Isaiah and a reading guide is being prepared to help people read the whole book of Isaiah during Lent.

Prayer and Fasting

This Tuesday, Prayers will be early. It will be a feast day too!

We will start Shrove Tuesday at 6:30 with savoury & sweet pancakes & fellowship in the Hall. Prayers to start @ 7:30.

If you're interested in coming together primarily to pray. Why not trial this Tuesday especially. Call Bryan with any questions...0403 868135

Can you help with goods for SIERRA LEONE?

Finda Morsay of our 10.45am congregation will be sending a container of goods to Sierra Leone in September, 2018. She is currently collecting goods to fill the container, and would be delighted to hear from anyone who could donate items, including: Children's toys, clothes (children's and adults), shoes (all sizes), kitchen items, suit cases (in good condition), school bags, hand bags, computers, TVs, bicycles (all sizes), stackable chairs, CD/DVD players, bric-a-brac etc

Please contact Finda on tel 0431 423 806 to arrange collection and storage at her home, or deliver to 2 Miranda Avenue, Lockleys and leave on veranda if no-one is at home. The cost of sending the container is approximately \$5,000, and all donations to assist with this will be gratefully received. They can be placed in an envelope with Finda's name on the outside and put in with the offering, or handed in at the office. They will be held in an AWUC account and paid towards the container cost closer to the date. For any further information, please contact

Living your life with Purpose

Put in your diaries 16-17 March for the Annual Women's Convention. This year's convention has a special Mother / Daughter / Best friend focus so why not invite a special relative or friend and attend together. Early bird registration if paid by 23rd February. Details available on the notice board or see Betty.

What's on this week...

Today	9:15am	Rod Dyson
	10:45am	Rod Dyson
	5:00pm	Lauren Andris
13th February	6:30pm	Prayer & fasting (and pancakes!) AWUC auditorium
15th February	9:30am	Mainly Music is back!
18th February	9:15am	Rod Dyson
	10:45am	Rod Dyson
	5:00pm	Jack Harington

This Lent, the 5pm community are reading through the book of Isaiah, the prophet who describes the coming of Christ in incredible detail. Isaiah's message of repentance and promise of restoration illustrates the salvation we desperately need, and the message of Easter is that this salvation is already given to us in the completed work of Jesus. If you'd like to join in reading Isaiah, there are some printed copies of a reading plan available or see myself or Brett during the week and we can organise one for you.

***An audio copy of every sermon is available on our web site if you want to hear it again or you miss attending any week.
You can also catch up with newsletters or join a mailing list to receive them every week.***

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standard pin \$6.00;
dual pin and pocket clip \$7.00;
magnet \$9.00