

# Introduction To Worship

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 – Christ The King**



If you have a dream go for it! Nothing is impossible for God and for us if we believe and have faith.

A friend named Stephanie took this photo.

When Stephanie was in her twenties she went to Nepal and was walking around Kathmandu and found a group of disabled women living in a tin shed. She had US \$100 left when she rang her mum and asked: "Do you think \$100 can make a difference?" Her mum said: "Go for it!" Stephanie brought home some crafts made by local women and sold them around the university she attended. From that time she returned and returned to Kathmandu, where the women learnt to make crafts and they were sold in Australia. Now the Charity Seven Women has grown and blessed many people. This is the link to the charity if you'd like to know more about it:

<https://sevenwomen.org>

The theme for this advent is 'hope'. The studies, advent booklet, worship and extra worship resources will focus on hope. This Christmas will be a different Christmas. We will be mindful of people in the UK, Europe, USA and back home in South Australia, who are suffering at the moment. We can pray for them and hope for them. God is bigger than pandemics and people throughout the world, of all nations, cultures and religions are praying for better times and a vaccine. This Christmas we will be more aware of how God was willing to be vulnerable and born into the messiness of our world, so we might know the light of our life, Jesus Christ.

It is Christ the King Sunday and this week we focus on the choice to love others.

Jill Kidd has shared about Centre 81's and Mountview's and Blackburn North - Nunawading's contributions to the Police Hampers; and Trevor de Run has contributed a story and a YouTube.

Whitehorse Churches have nearly finished a special Christmas Blessing video which will be launched on the 19<sup>th</sup> December and will be part of our Christmas Worship. Rob, Helen and I contributed.

Lorianne Grant is planning on updating the notice board. Our message will be: Hope for the Best.

I hope you find the worship a blessing

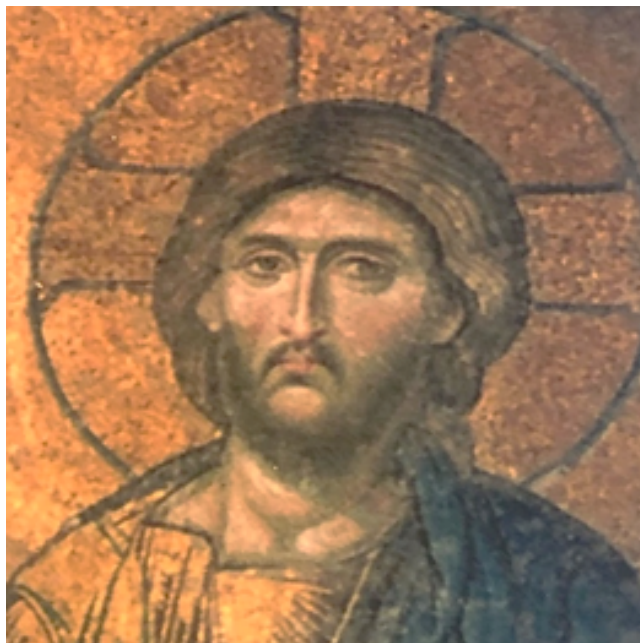
Blessings  
Rev Tina



Mountview Uniting Church

# Mountview Worship @ Home

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020



9<sup>th</sup> Century Mosaic at Hagia Sophia, Istanbul. Turkey

**Hymn: Be Still for the Presence of the Lord – Middlesbrough Baptist Church [2:53]**

<https://youtu.be/ZugvUQ4m90U>

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## **Be Still, For The Presence Of The Lord**

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, The Holy One, is here.

Come bow before him now, with reverence and fear.

In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.

Be still for the presence of the Lord, The Holy One, is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him, in faith, receive from him.

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

## **Welcome To Our Service**

Our theme today is Jesus as King and choosing to love

## **Acknowledgement**

We Acknowledge those who were here before us, the first inhabitants of this place  
We honour them for their custodianship of the land on which we gather today.



## Call To Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord  
**Worship the Lord with gladness**

Come into his presence with Singing  
**For the Lord is good**

His steadfast love endures forever  
**His faithfulness is to all generations.**

## Prayers Of Adoration, Invocation And Confession

Loving God, as we come to know you more and more  
 Send your spirit upon us  
 Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation  
 So, we may know with the eyes of our heart the hope you have called us to  
 And your great power at work in Jesus Christ, our Lord  
 And his body, the Church.  
 Jesus our Lord, King over the cosmos  
 You call us to love as your body the church  
 In the world  
 By loving others as you love us  
 Unconditionally  
 By accepting others as you accept us  
 Just as we are  
 By bringing wholeness to the world  
 As you make us whole  
 Help us feed the hungry and bring water to the thirsty  
 Through word and deed  
 Help us cloth the naked and welcome the stranger  
 Care for the sick and visit the lonely, isolated and those in prison  
 Give us compassion and love  
 For all those we encounter on our journey with Jesus and others.  
 Holy Spirit Come  
 Fill us with wisdom to know and  
 revelation to see God at work in the world  
 in our lives and the lives of those around us  
 And Lord, we come before you knowing we are a forgiven people  
 If we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves  
 and have hurt them, forgive us  
 if we have been hurt by our neighbour, give us the grace to forgive them  
 Lord we come to you, with all that's on our hearts  
 In this moment of silence restore us, forgive us, transform our hearts O Lord

*Silence*

Hear then Christ's Words of Grace  
 "Your sins are forgiven"  
**Thanks be to God**

**Hymn: Amazing Grace – Judy Collins** [4:43]

<https://youtu.be/NG0vH4WYChQ>

*John Newton 1725-1807 alt. [vv.1-6]; Anon. pre-1790 [v.7]  
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## Scripture Readings

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### Psalm 100

100:1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

100:2 Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

100:3 Know that the LORD is God.

It is He that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

100:4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

100:5 For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

### Ephesians 1: 15-23

1:15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason

1:16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 1:17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 1:18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 1:19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 1:20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 1:21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 1:22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 1:23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

### Matthew 25: 31-46

25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 25:32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 25:33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 25:34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 25:35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 25:36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

25:37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 25:38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 25:39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 25:40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you,

just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

25:41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 25:42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 25:43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 25:44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?'

25:45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 25:46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



**Hymn: Lord I Come To You**  
**(The Power Of Your Love) – Helen Jackson [3:36]**

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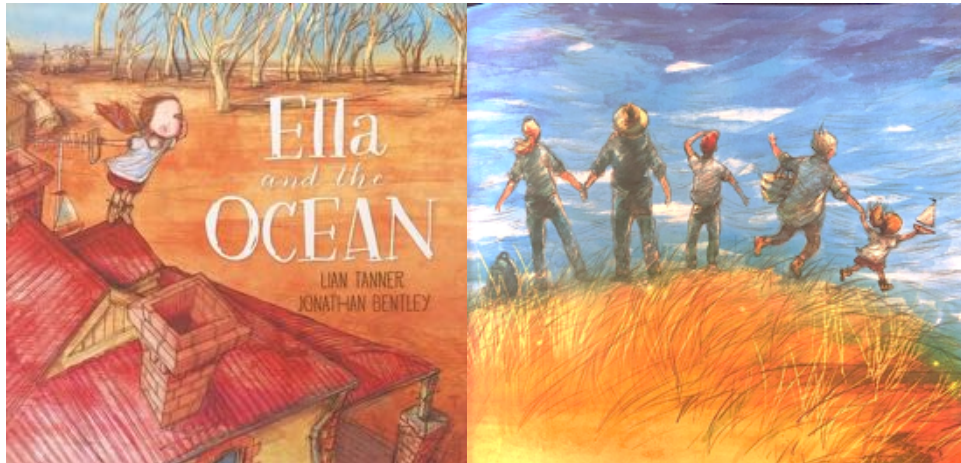
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## For The Young At Heart



What began as a dream for a young girl, ended up inspiring hope in others, which makes me wonder how many of us have had a dream that has prompted us to do something really amazing? I bought this book for my grandchildren. It's about Ella who lived in central Australia, where there had been a drought for years and years. She only knew red dust. Yet she had a dream about abundant water which inspired her to ask her family about the ocean. She asked her dad whether the ocean cracked open like the ground and he said no. She asked her mum, and she remembered the shiny blue water, like her hair ribbon. Her brother saw the ocean as fierce and wild. Her gran had never seen the ocean. She'd dreamed about it too. So, gran and Ella dreamed until Ella asked to go. Her family were against it and quiet negative. But she persevered until they drove and flew in a small aircraft to the sea. What joy it was for them to swim and enjoy the beauty of the ocean. They returned home and everything seemed different and they saw the beauty of their home and the landscape. I wonder whether lockdown has been like visiting the ocean. It's made us realise what we value most and helped us see the beauty of family and home. Ella and Gran continued to dream. In fact, they dreamed big of rain coming to a parched landscape. And in the end, it did. Their hope brought hope to others. Our hope can do the same. My grandchildren loved this book. So, did I.

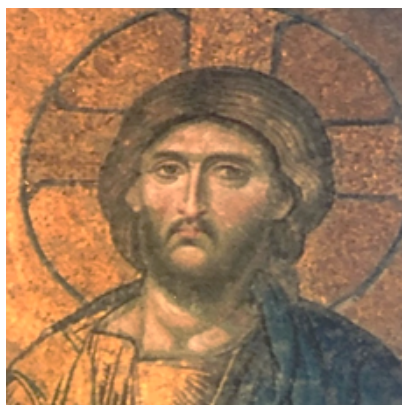
**Hymn: Kumbaya (Come By Here) – The Seekers (1993 Reunion) [3:29]**

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## Sermon

*In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, amen*



*9<sup>th</sup> Century Mosaic from Hagia Sophia, Istanbul, Turkey*

*"I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know Him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance amongst the saints." Ephesians 1: 17-18*

Francis of Assisi once said: "and when necessary, use words."

He knew words can be incarnate in our lives when they are made flesh and dwell among us. I've visited Assisi and the fern gullies where Francis once prayed. Nuns were singing in a nearby convent and the sound of their singing took me to another place, a place of serenity, faith and beauty.

Life was so different when I was growing up. I heard stories about my great aunts who went to India as missionaries. They were my grandmother's sisters. One sister married someone from India, another rode horses until she was into her seventies and she gave me her jodhpurs when she heard I liked riding. Now missionaries come from India to our country, to suburbs where forty per cent of people have no faith. It is different world.

I attended the Pastors Breakfast on Thursday and heard about the Police handing out hampers to the needy in the community, hampers that will include the ones organised by Centre 81 during November and contributed to by Mountview and Blackburn North-Nunawading. Recently the police went to give a man a hamper and he said, 'Please give my hamper to a more needy family.' The hampers will give hope to those doing it tough this Christmas and to the Police who daily come face to face with suffering in our community.

The churches of Whitehorse as a group are reaching out to the needy in the community.

As we journey through Advent with the theme of hope, we will reach within ourselves to know God as God always reaches out to us.

Ken Gire tells the story of a missionary in his book: 'Windows of the Soul'. He was an English missionary whose mission board required him to keep detailed financial records for which he had to be skilled at double-entry bookkeeping, which he wasn't because he had no background in accounting or business. He only had a calling, to be a missionary. His balances were always off, and the separate accounts he was supposed to keep kept getting mixed, so the mission board released him. Unfit for the mission field, was their assessment, when in truth, he was only unfit for bookkeeping. He left without incident. Nobody knew where he went.

Years later a woman missionary visited a remote village to introduce people to Jesus.

She told them of His kindness and His love for the poor, how He went to their homes to eat with them, how He visited them when they were sick, how He fed the hungry, healed the sick, bound up the wounds of the broken-hearted and how children loved to follow him. The eyes of the people lit up, their faces beamed as they smiled and one of them exclaimed: "We know him! He has been living here for years!"

When they took her to see him, it was the man who years earlier had been dismissed by the mission board. He had settled there to do his work, sequestered from the double-entried tyranny of bookkeeping. Whenever anyone was sick, he visited them and waited up all night outside their home if necessary, checking on them, tending to their needs.

When they were hurt, he nursed their wounds. For the old and infirm, he brought food and water.

When Cholera broke out in the village he went from home to home, doing what he could to help.

Ken Gire asked: 'I wonder if someone were to come to our village or suburb and that person began to describe Jesus, would anybody hearing the description say: "We know him well! He's been living here for years!"'

Today's gospel invites us to become like this man. It seems like we are offered a stark choice, to love others and in turn love Jesus and find life, or to choose not to love others and in doing not love Jesus and not find life.

Paul in his letter to the Ephesians, and Mathew in his gospel, describe Jesus as the cosmic Christ.

I read part of Mathew Fox's book about the cosmic Christ. He writes about worship bringing us closer to God and having the power to make and create people, to bring healing, to help us feel reverence for God, where worship is the playing out of the cosmic drama in our psyche. Worship is playful and lifts our spirits.

The Holy Spirit is playful, uplifting, dramatic, fire, water, and breath, helping us to feel alive in Christ.

At the same time, we also need silence in worship so we can draw nearer to God and know God in our hearts.

Where we know we are loved and are empowered to bring God's love into the world.

There is something raw about truth and revelation, that can bring tears. When Christ was amongst us as a human being, thousands flocked to him to be healed. The invitation is still there to come to church and before God and with the support of our church family, show our pain and not hide it.

Fox says worship helps us bring our suffering to the universe, to God. All of us have suffered in some way. All of us are broken hearted in some way. Jesus continues to invite us to bring our burdens to him so he can take them from us and help us let them go, so the joy can come in.

The church is the place for lamentations, times of passage such as baptisms and confirmations, for us to respond to God and use our gifts for the building up of one another, for pastoral care, for singing, for preaching, for the Word, for prayer. For flowers and hospitality and celebration. For poetry, prophets and imagination. For helping and administration and many more expressions of love for God and others.

Paul's letter to the Ephesians at Ephesus in Turkey, a Roman colony and health resort with Roman baths, a hospital, aqueducts, plumbing, a theatre, many homes, roller doors, a library and a brothel. It also was a home for Mary, the mother of Jesus and a church. The letter would have been read out to the congregation during worship. It is a prayer for the church where Paul gives thanks for their faith in Jesus and love for one another. Paul prays for God to give the congregation a spirit of wisdom and revelation through the Holy Spirit, so they may know God. He prays for the eyes of their hearts to be enlightened so they know the hope to which God has called them, through the power of God. We believe God has power over our lives, power which God put to work in Jesus Christ who God raised from the dead and seated at his right hand in heavenly places.



This hope is God's power which is greater than the cosmos, where God has put all things under Jesus feet and made him head over all things for the church, the body of Christ and in that body we are the fullness of Jesus Christ who is the fullness of God who fills us with the Holy Spirit. This is a powerful and mysterious image.

Words alone are inadequate to describe the hope to which God has called us in and through Jesus Christ.

The images of Jesus coming in all his glory to judge the nations is beyond our understanding. Yet, it is our hope. The gospel offers stark images of people being judged and separated by Jesus, into sheep and goats and wheat and weeds. What we do with our lives matters to God. The purpose of today's gospel is to offer people a choice to love others and in doing so, to love Jesus.

The gospel isn't wishy washy. It's feisty and in our face. It calls us to find life in Jesus and to be the body of Christ in the world. Australians are a practical lot who live out their faith helping their neighbour, especially when the chips are down. We have a reputation for compassion and caring. I'm sure each one of us has a story to share, about communities getting together to help people during tough times.

And these have been tough times.

So may the eyes of your heart be enlightened by the Holy Spirit so you may know the hope to which God has called you. I'll finish with words from the hymn: 'Come Down O Love Divine'.

I invite you to prayerfully meditate on the words. May they bless you.

Come down, O Love divine,  
 seek now this soul of mine,  
 and visit it with your own ardour glowing;  
 O Comforter, draw near,  
 within my heart appear  
 and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

There let it freely burn,  
 till earthly passions turn  
 to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;  
 and let your glorious light  
 shine ever on my sight  
 and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity  
 my outer garment be,  
 and lowliness become my inner clothing:  
 true lowliness of heart,  
 which takes the humbler part  
 and for its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong  
 with which the soul will long  
 shall far out pass the power of human telling;  
 for none can guess its grace  
 till we become the place  
 in which the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

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Rev Tina

**Hymn: In Christ Alone – Celtic Worship** [5:44]

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## Offering Prayer

*about offering up ourselves and giving thanks to God for all we have*

**Lord and giver of every good thing  
 we bring to you our lives and gifts for your kingdom  
 all for transformation through your grace and love  
 made known in Jesus Christ our Saviour, amen**

## Prayers Of The People And The Lord's Prayer

*Trevor De Run has prepared the Prayers of the people for you today*

Merciful God, we pray for your world and in particular today, for the South East Asian countries of: Brunei, Malaysia and Singapore.

Islam is the main religion of Brunei, practiced by 79% of the population. Although religious freedom is protected under the Bruneian constitution, Sharia Law, a strict Islamic penal code based on the Quran, is currently in place in Brunei. Public celebration of Christmas was made illegal in the country since 2014.

Islam is the dominant religion in Malaysia and is the country's official religion and is practiced by 61% of the population. Christianity is the third religion in Malaysia, practised by 9% of its population.



Religion in Singapore is characterised by a wide variety of religious beliefs and practices due to its diverse ethnic mix of peoples originating from various countries. Religion in Singapore encompasses Buddhism (33%), Christianity (19%), Islam (14%), Taoism (10%) and Hinduism (5%).

We pray for the Christians in these countries. In Malaysia, where there is presently surging numbers of a third wave of the COVID-19 virus cases, we pray for the front line workers, as they carry out the necessary measures to contain the pandemic.

We offer our prayers for the other churches in our region, in particular for the All Saints' Anglican Church, Mitcham. In the presbytery, we pray for the Rowville Uniting Church and UCA Presbytery's Tertiary Ministries Working Group.

Heavenly Father, we pray for your church here in Mountview and give thanks for the guidance provided by Rev. Tina for our church members and their families during these difficult times. We bring our concerns for those who are grieving, distressed, depressed or afraid, that they may be comforted, and their hearts lifted and filled with hope.

Keep us safe during the coming week and be with us in all we do.  
Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...

Our father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours – now and for ever,  
Amen.



**Hymn: Brother Sister Let Me Serve You**  
– Helen Jackson [2:42]

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## Dismissal

Go out into the world in the power of the spirit and in all things at all times remember Christ is with you.  
Make your life your worship to the praise and glory of God. Amen

## Blessing

In our hearts and actions  
**The blessing and love of God**

In our coming and going  
**The Blessing and love of God**

In our life and believing  
**The blessing and love of God**



**Hymn: You Shall Go Out With Joy**  
 (Trees Of The Field) – Helen Jackson [1:53]

<https://youtu.be/vsxetUob-bs>

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**You Shall Go Out With Joy**

You shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace,  
 and the mountains and hills shall break forth in singing.  
 There'll be shouts of joy, and the trees of the field  
 shall clap, shall clap their hands,  
 and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,  
 and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,  
 and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,  
 and you'll go out with joy.

*I have provided extra resources to accompany you on the journey. Rev Tina*

**Extra Worship Resources**

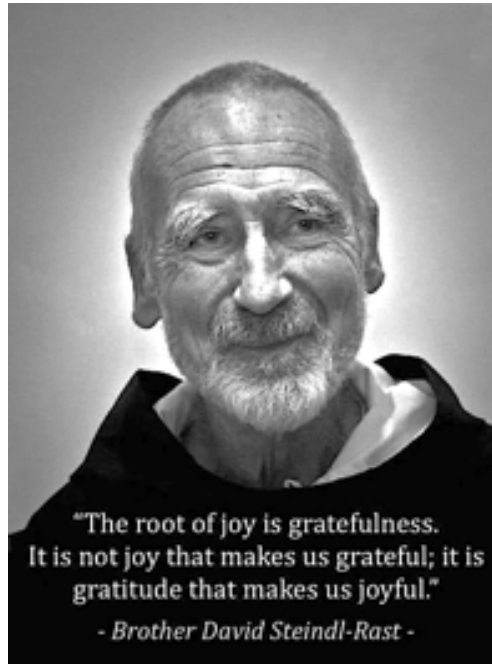


**Psalm 100**

Psalm 100 encourages us to shout with joy and worship God with gladness when we come to him with joyful songs. Like the people of ancient time, we long for music and singing. We look to the future with hope to the time when we can gather together and have a big sing and feast. Walter Brueggemann spoke of the psalms as expressions of reorientation, of times where we receive a gift and surprise. The kind of reorientation that comes when we least expect it. Life usually falls into patterns of wholeness where we do not expect reorientation where God is at work in our midst, transforming our lives for the better. The psalms promise a future where there is hope. They speak of God's power in the world, despite what we see all around us. Brueggemann said: 'sometimes in a world where the circumstances seem hopeless, a promissory word is all that stands between us and the chaos.' This hope can be a precious gift on which we are willing to stake anything on. This is the time to pray and hope, when there is uncertainty. John Chittister in her book, *The Breath of the Soul*, said: 'the purpose to prayer is to come to love God as much as possible, with all the insights into the nature and presence of God prayers brings us. The life of those who practise prayer deeply and regularly is a life of enlightenment. People who pray come to know the mind of God.

Any obstacles in their heart melts away.'

We can rejoice in the psalms and turn to God with prayer and find the hope we need for the journey.



*From Contemplative Monk*

### **More insights from Ikagai, The Japanese secret to a long and happy life.**

“The secret to a long life is not to worry. And to keep your heart young – don’t let it grow old. Open your heart to people with a nice smile on your face. If you smile and open your heart, your grandchildren and everyone else will want to see you.”

The best way to avoid anxiety is to go out into the street and say hello to people. I do it every day. I go out there and say, Hello!’ and ‘See you later!’ then I go home and care for my vegetable garden. In the afternoon, I spend time with friends.”



Worry is a waste of time.

Worry can come creeping in, that nagging feeling that tenses our bodies and saps our joy.

Nothing is changed by it. Nothing is achieved.

We go for a walk in a beautiful garden and suddenly find ourselves worrying about the future and a lot of what if’s and we retreat to this worrying place where there is no sunshine and beauty. Then a gentle nudging on our heart reminding us to let it go and hand it over to our Lord and inviting us to bring our worries to God and ask Him to take care of our loved ones or ourselves or a situation. We trust God with the future and suddenly the sun comes out again, the birds are singing again, the leaves are rustling, and the sky is blue.

Everything is going to be ok. A kookaburra laughs and we think worrying is such a silly way to pass the time.



## Being Human

**Jill Kidd - From little things, big things grow—a project of many months in the making, actually happened—a wonderful sight to see!**

Over two part days, of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November, 60 Police Care Packages were prepared, in readiness to be picked up by the Police, and delivered to some needy folks, who have come to their attention in the course of their daily work.

On Tuesday, the folk from Blackburn North-Nunawading UCA delivered many, many, bags of food, which, when put together with the Mountview donations, created four trestle tables, absolutely brimming with all manner of food and Christmas fare.

Wednesday morning saw 4 volunteers from Centre 81, transfer the food into shopping bags, complete with Christmas Cards, the greeting inside reading—WE care for YOU, from all at Centre 81 Mountview Mitcham, and North Blackburn/Nunawading Uniting Churches.

We look forward to meeting with the Police representative when she comes to collect them in December. Further information will follow. Thank you all so very much for your amazing generosity, especially this year, the year of the Corona Virus Pandemic, which badly affected the lives of so many people.

Blessings

Jill Kidd for Centre 81



**Trevor de Run contributed this story called "A Lesson on Trusting God"  
by Jim Whitaker, Dundeal Gazettes**

A while back I read a story of a visiting pastor who attended a men's breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country. The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast, "Lord, I hate buttermilk", the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going. The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard". Now the pastor was getting concerned. Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour". The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he was not the only one to feel uncomfortable. Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So, Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you have done the mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen." Within that prayer there is great wisdom for all when it comes to complicated situations, like we are experiencing in the world today.

Stay strong, my friends, because our LORD is mixing several things that we don't really care for,  
but something even better is going to come when HE is done with it.

*Trevor also included the following YouTube link:*

**[He Giveth More Grace – The Living Stones Quartet](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hzhKGPireAA)**

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*Lyrics by Annie Johnson Flint; Acoustic Guitar: Rohan George Umesh;  
Posted to YouTube by The Living Stones Quartet LSQ with attributions*



*From Contemplative Monk*

**Christians throughout the world have been invited to say the Lord's Prayer every day.  
Saying the Lord's Prayer is a good way of giving thanks and trusting in God:**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

**Rev Tina, for Mountview Uniting Church**

*The following link is to the 'Worship' page on our website, from where other resources may be accessed:*

<https://www.mountviewuca.org/worship.html>

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