

Preaching
9am Rev Wendy McHugh

Readings
Acts 16:9-15,
Psalm 67,
Rev 21:10, 22-22:5,
John 14:23-29



WELCOME TO AUC!

Please join us for refreshments
in the breezeway after the
service.

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Please pray for:

Leaders at Assembly, Synod and
Presbytery for wisdom and
discernment in making decisions
affecting the wider church.

Our elders and members of the
Church Council as they make
decisions affecting the life of the
church.

The Joint Nominating Committee
and Presbytery as they seek to
discern the calling of a new
ministry agent for our
congregation.

Nursing home residents in lock
down. Ailsa Reid, Betty Jackson
and others for loneliness.

Fred and Alison – for healing,
comfort and strength of heart in
this difficult time.

Comfort and strength for Jan
Morcombe and family after the
death of Richard.

Discipleship stream members.

The work of Prison Chaplin's.

Wisdom for all who go to the polls
on Saturday.

Peace I leave with you!



When Jesus departs from his disciples,
there will be significant changes and this
text makes a promise that despite this fact
the disciples will not be left alone.

This is a promise that surely made a huge
difference to those for whom Jesus'
departure is both immanent and potentially
confusing.

And this is what the disciples are likely to
fear most: isolation from their teacher and friend. All that they have
done has been about being part of Jesus' life and journey.

But Jesus' promises mean that they will not be alone.

Jesus has, on several occasions, been preparing the disciples for
his departure; he has not kept them in the dark about this fact
(verse 28). But knowing he will be leaving them soon and
understanding what that meant for them personally were probably
two different things.

Into this reality of impending absence comes the Spirit, the
Advocate, sent by God in Jesus' name to be present with the
followers of Jesus (verse 26). This is the first time we read about
this presence as the Holy Spirit. The Advocate is a presence the
disciples will need in order to love as they are called to love. It will,
as Jesus promises, be as if he is still with them. Additionally, the
Spirit will serve as their teacher in Jesus' absence (verse 26).

Jesus as teacher has been a profound presence in the Gospel
message and continuing this teaching — his teaching — will be
the Advocate's role.

One of the profound moments in this passage comes in verse
27: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to
you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do
not be afraid." Peace is a commodity we sorely need in our world
and is absent for far too many. But into this discourse about
absence, Jesus reassures the disciples, who were rightly feeling
fear about his departure, that they will not be left alone and
bestows peace on them.

This is not a passive peace. It is an active working toward peace in
multiple situations. This Spirit and peace will propel the disciples
and later the church into active discipleship and mission. The
presence of this peace reminds me of one of my favorite quotes in
life: "breathe in peace, breathe out love." It is with the presence of
this peace, given by God in Jesus' name, which enables the
disciples and us to live lives of faithfulness (verse 26).

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Peace I leave with you! (continued)

Part of the amazing reassurance comes in verse 28: "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I." Jesus boldly proclaims that he is not just going away from them — he is going to the Father. And those who know him, who have walked the roads and have been on this journey with him, know that this is what he was meant to do.

Into this moment we are called to preach a word about peace and presence. After this discourse, Jesus intended for the disciples to feel his peace and presence always — through the Spirit, in the continued teaching to come, and in the connectedness of the community of believers.

(From Commentary on John 14:23-29 by Karyn Wiseman at <https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/revised-common-lectionary/sixth-sunday-of-easter-3/commentary-on-john-1423-29>)

Sunday Service 22-5-2022

Live Streaming:

We welcome and thank **Rev Wendy McHugh** for bringing the message to us today.

Welcome to our service here and to those at home. To participate in worship, please click on the link below and sit back and wait for the service to start.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM_yuTGxZEXsdQPd3XEQbtA/live

If you miss it, or would like to share it with someone, the recordings are on our website.



Fellowship Stream Invitation

Mystery Tour with a lovely surprise ending.

Saturday 28th May 1-5pm

Meet at the church 12.45pm ready to be able to leave at 1pm.

Bring a small plate of afternoon tea food to share and a chair.



Tea and Coffee etc will be provided.

Please advise Margaret Finter, Joan Gist, Jayne Jackson or Glenda Dodge if you will be attending. Can we please have names of folk willing to be drivers so that we can allocate passengers to each car.

We will carpool as much as possible to enable as many of our congregation to be able to come and enjoy a fun filled afternoon of fellowship.

For any information see either of the team members listed above.



"Take a good look
at God's wonders -
they will take
your breath away."
-Psalm 66:5



AITKENVALE STATE SCHOOL GARDEN PROJECT:

Do you like getting your hands dirty? Come and be connected!
Do you like working with others? Come and enjoy fellowship!
Do you have a green thumb? Come and share your wisdom!
Do you like making a difference? Come and be a change maker!

Aitkenvale State School Community Garden needs you!

When: Every Thursday during school term
Time: 4.00 to 5.00pm
Bring: Gloves, willing heart, water bottle

The May 2022 Edition of Frontier News is Out Now!



You can download your copy of Frontier news by going to their website. (web address below)

The May edition is filled with incredible stories of courage, optimism and resilience as Frontier News talks to farmers, Outback Links volunteers and Frontier Services Bush Chaplains on weathering drought, foods, a pandemic and the challenges that come with living and working in the bush.

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The 16th Assembly

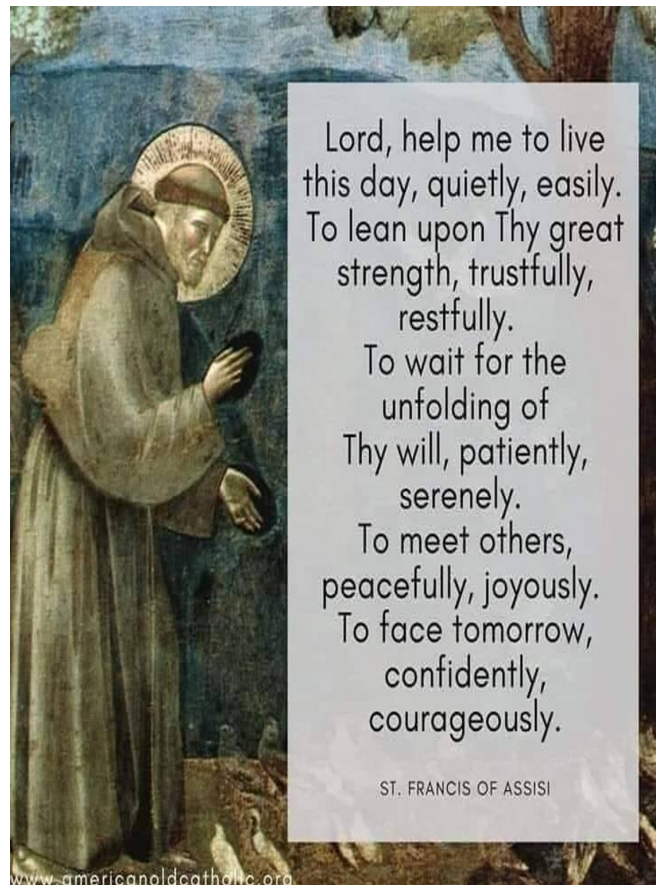


The 16th Assembly meeting wrapped up on the Sunshine Coast on Monday afternoon after four days of joyful Christian community, worship, prayer

and discerning the will of God for the Uniting Church in Australia. Over four days from May 6- 9, 200 members from around the country came together on the lands of the Gubbi Gubbi people to continue the business of the triennial meeting which first met online in July last year. You can read more on this wonderful and important event here.

You can read more on this wonderful and important event on the following website.

<https://uniting.church/dwelling-in-love-at-the-16th-assembly/>



Lord, help me to live
this day, quietly, easily.
To lean upon Thy great
strength, trustfully,
restfully.
To wait for the
unfolding of
Thy will, patiently,
serenely.
To meet others,
peacefully, joyously.
To face tomorrow,
confidently,
courageously.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

A prayer from St Francis of Assisi, shared by Kate Dix in our Prayer chain. Pray for our world and each other in this time of many needs and concerns.



Stable 2022 How you can help out now!

DOUBLE DONATIONS: For the month of May, your donation will be doubled to the value of \$7000. Can't make it to the fundraiser, donate today and double your impact!

The Auction is live! Start bidding today knowing that the proceeds or what you will buy will go to Stable. There is some fabulous items, including entertainment packages, holidays, kids' parties, and fishing trips. Check them out today!

For lots more information or to buy tickets go to : <https://www.stableonthestrand.com.au/>

Offerings to date
17 May 2022
Week \$1,647.22
 Budgeted expenditure year to date. \$38,440
 Offerings Year to date \$39,412.73
Difference plus \$972.73

AUC Bank Details:

Bank: ANZ

BSB: 014-010

Account Number:

General Acc - 287295271

Distress Fund Acc - 287295327

Account Name: UCA Aitkenvale

Reference: Offering, Donation (no need to include your name or any other details)



Rosters & Readings for 29 May 2022	
9am Service	
Preacher	Rev Kate Dix
Reader	Lesley
Door Stewards	Merle
Offering	Greg S, Peter
Livestream	Don
Data	Joan
Organ	Carmel
Morning Tea	Jillian &
Lectionary Readings <i>Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97, Rev 22:12-14,16-17, 20-21, John 17:20-26</i>	

AUC Prayer Network.

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If you wish to have a prayer request circulated across the AUC Prayer Network, or would like to be included in the prayer network notices, please email your request to our direct email address: aucprayer@bigpond.com, or phone Kate on: 0429 609 509. (Important: requests for prayer on behalf of others requires their personal permission. This is due to confidentiality requirements and government legislation. Please ask first.)

