

Lectionary readings

Gn 32:22-31

Ps 17:1-7, 15

Rom 9:1-5

Mt 14:13-21

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Preaching

9am Pastor Ueli Otumuli

WELCOME TO AUC!

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

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Please pray for:

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

The cessation of hostilities be-
tween USA and Iran and Israel.

Pray also for a just peace to end
the Ukraine-Russian conflict.

We pray for healing, under-
standing, and a renewed com-
mitment to being a nation
marked by truth, respect, and
compassion..

All affected by recent natural disas-
ters including the devastating
earthquakes in Venezuela and
Japan, and fires in Spain; for
comfort for the grieving, strength
for rescuers, healing for the in-
jured, and hope amid over-
whelming loss and uncertainty.

The youth of our city.

All Defence Force chaplains.

Matthew 14:13-21

Different people react in different ways to the same situation. In the gospel reading this morning, there is quite a difference between the reaction of Jesus and the reaction of the disciples to the sight of a large hungry crowd in the wilderness.

The disciples wanted Jesus to send the crowd away. Jesus wanted his disciples to make some effort to feed the crowd. 'Give them something to eat yourselves', he said. Even though they protested that they would not be able to find enough food to feed the crowd, Jesus persisted, and got them to bring the little food they could find to him.

Then with that little, with those few resources, the Lord fed the crowd with the help of his disciples. The gospel reading suggests that the Lord will always encourage us to take on some service to others, even when we may feel that our resources are inadequate. If we are generous with those few resources, the Lord will then work with them and through them in ways that will surprise us.

The Lord can work wonders through the very ordinary and sometimes unpromising-looking resources and gifts that we possess. We have to do our bit, like the disciples in the gospel reading, but the Lord always does much more. Yet, if we are not willing to do the little we can with what we have, the Lord's own capacity for ministry to others is curtailed. The Lord needs our resources, small and inadequate as they may seem, to continue his good work among us and in the world.

<https://www.tumblr.com/frmartinshomiliesandreflections>

More on today's reading

Abundance and extravagant generosity are clearly the main focus of this story. Over the last few weeks we have been hearing the parables from the chapter that leads up to this story, and perhaps you can see how this story of the five loaves and two fish multiplying to feed the huge crowd continues the images of the impossibly bumper harvest on the good soil that yields thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold. And even though, as the parables also remind us, the weeds will also flourish in the rich soil of God's love, the abundant harvest of those who receive the Word and nurture it is never in doubt.

If I were to try to summarise the whole gospel as simply as possible it would probably still centre on the idea of abundance. God's love and mercy and blessing for you and for everyone are outrageously abundant, and have absolutely no regard for whether you deserve it or could earn it or ever repay it.

(From Nathan Nettleton at <https://openicon.church/sermons/abundance/>)

Bill and Vi's jam and chutney for sale

Bill and Vi's jam and chutney are for sale again.

A jar only costs \$5. If you wish to buy a jar, they will be located in the foyer.

Large jars cost \$10

All money raised goes to the Distress

Serving as a hospital visitor

Presbytery has asked all congregation members to prayerfully consider whether we feel called to or would consider doing hospital visitations. We have been advised that there will be adequate training available and it is likely to involve 1 or 2 visits per month. It may include end-of-life visitations. If you are interested in joining a team in Townsville, please see Shaz today.

Church bulletin bloopers

- † Remember in prayer the many who are sick of the church and community
- † The Outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.

Sunday 02nd August Live Streaming

We welcome and thank **Pastor Ueli Otumuli** for bringing the message to us today.

Welcome to our service here and to those at home. For those viewing remotely, 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.

Sad news

Some members of our congregation will remember fondly Jeannie and Alwyn Jones and their daughter, Allison, longtime members of AUC. In recent years they have lived in Brisbane. Sadly, Allison died on 25 July. We send our condolences to Jeannie and extended family.

Prayer

Lord, hear our cry and listen to our prayer.
You see what is true in us,
even when we can't.
Test our hearts and change us,
lead us back to what is right.
Guard us as your people.

Just as you are always near us,
may we draw close to you,
that you may hide us in your care
when we are weak or distracted.
Let us see your faithful love again,
and rescue us from what pulls us away from
you.

Renew your church, God.
Make us people who seek your face
and reflect your goodness.
Wake us up to your presence,
and shape us to be more like you.
Let us not be satisfied with comfort,
but find our life in knowing you deeply.
Amen.

(Uniting News, 28 July 2026)

Do you know a member of our congregation who is in hospital?

Being in hospital can be a trying, lonely and difficult experience. A visit from someone can bring great comfort.

If you know a member of our congregation who is in hospital, please let Pastor Ueli know so that he can arrange a visit.

DATE CLAIMER: "Breakfast with Jesus" Women's Retreat. We are sorry to mess with your diaries, but the previously advertised date has to be moved from Saturday 7 November to **Saturday 31st October**. We will share further information as it comes to hand. Shalom, Sita, Shaz, Ruth & Kate.

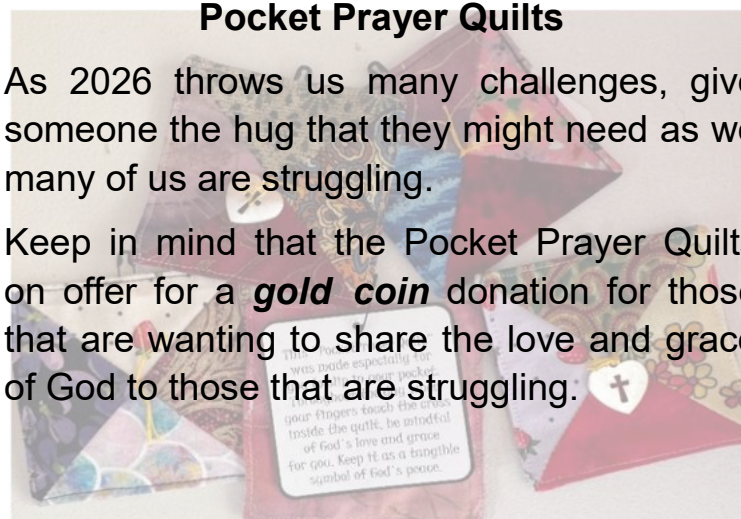


Our church has an account number for easy recycling at the Containers for Change centres. Please find a small card on the bench at the front entrance, to take home with you. Otherwise, please bring your eligible containers to add to the recycling bin kept in the kitchen. Every bit helps towards our Outreach in our community.

Pocket Prayer Quilts

As 2026 throws us many challenges, give someone the hug that they might need as we many of us are struggling.

Keep in mind that the Pocket Prayer Quilts on offer for a **gold coin** donation for those that are wanting to share the love and grace of God to those that are struggling.



How to Give Electronically



If you would like to support our ministry or contribute to our community support initiatives, you can transfer directly into our bank accounts:

General Account

For regular tithes, offerings, and general church donations.

Account Name: UCA-Aitkenvale Uniting Church

BSB: 654000 (Qld Country Bank)

Account Number: 64283141

Reference: Tithe, Offering, or Donation
(No name required)

If anyone needs assistance changing the bank account details for their regular tithe from the ANZ to the Qld Country Bank, both Shaz or Paul are willing to assist you.



Offerings to date

07th July 2026

Week	\$1,231.00
Budgeted Offerings	7,480.00
Offerings to date	\$5,245.00
Difference	\$2,235.00 -
Donations Car park	\$0.00
Other Donations	\$0.00

Rosters & Readings for 9th August 2026

9am Service *Pentecost 11*

Preacher	Pastor Ueli Otumuli
Reader	Achamma J
Greeters	Merle A
Offering	Peter P & Ron N
Livestream	Mal H & Chris C
Data	Reg D
Organ	Carmel Store
Morning Tea	P and G Dodge

Lectionary Readings

Gn 37:1-4, 12-28
Ps 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b
Rom 10:5-15
Mt 14:22-33

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.)