

### Readings

Est 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Ps 124

Jas 5:13-20

Mk 9:38-50



### Preaching

9am Rev Matthew Stuart

### 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 our church.

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

Many of our number who are in need of healing, comfort and strength of heart.

An end to the hostilities in the Middle East. And an end to the Israel-Hamas conflict and the escalating conflict between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon.

### Other voices of faith and discipleship

The reality of the church divisions is well known to all of us, for many of you it is lived memory. Sometimes when churches have divided it has been over a disagreement, something that has provoked either a theological distinction or worse simply a personality disagreement. I have personally experienced myself, comments about the UCA not being theologically faithful and that I'm not a real minister because others don't "recognise" the UCA as being a true church.

This morning's Gospel reading is the encounter for the disciples that raises the question of who belongs. This morning as we heed the scriptures, have a read of the statement of faith, that we will share, that comes from the Masai of Kenya.

I wonder what you struggle with in reading this? I wonder what you feel comfortable with in it? I wonder what makes you feel uncomfortable? I wonder if you can still hear the faithfulness of disciples of Christ who are different from us?

*We believe in the one High God,  
Who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good in it.  
God created people and wanted them to be happy in the world.  
God loves the world and every nation and tribe on the earth.  
We have known this High God in the darkness,  
And now we know God in the light.  
God promised in the book called the Bible, the word of God,  
That all nations and tribes of the world would be saved.*

*We believe that God made good this promise by sending Jesus Christ,  
The Son of God, a Jew by tribe,  
Born poor in a small village,  
Who left his home and was always on safari doing good,  
Curing people by the power of God,  
Teaching about God and people,  
Showing that meaning of religion is love.  
He was rejected by his people,  
Tortured and hair led - hands and feet - to a cross and died.  
He lay buried, but the hyenas did not find his body,  
And on the third day, he rose from the grave.  
He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord!*

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*All who have faith in him must be sorry about their sins,  
be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God,  
Live the rules of love,  
And share the bread together in love,  
To announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again.  
We are waiting for him.  
He is alive! He lives! This we believe. Amen!*

Rev. Matthew Stuart  
Minister of the Word, Uniting Church in Australia  
Chaplain, Royal Australian Army Chaplains Department

### **Sunday Service 29th September 2024 Live Streaming:**

We welcome and thank **Rev Matthew Stuart** 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](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.

### **President of the Uniting Church in Australia Rev Charissa Suli has called the national Uniting Church to a Week of Prayer for Peace in the Middle East from 29 September - 5 October.**

The call comes after Israel launched hundreds of airstrikes in southern and eastern Lebanon yesterday, in an eruption of what have been simmering cross-border tensions between Israel and Hezbollah. The strikes killed at least 492 people including 35 children. More than 1,600 others have been injured and tens of thousands have fled their homes.

In a [pastoral statement](#) released today, the President lamented the escalation of violence in the region and urged the Uniting Church to stand in prayer and solidarity with the people of the Middle East and with diaspora communities.

"This ongoing conflict continues to cause immense suffering and loss on all sides," she writes.

"As we grapple with this news, we are reminded of the deep connections we have within our Uniting Church family."

"In the past 24 hours I have heard from people in our community grieving for their family, friends, and loved ones back in Lebanon. We hold them in our prayers, standing in solidarity as they process pain and uncertainty."

"In these troubled times, we turn to the Word of God for peace and hope. This peace, a gift from Christ, transcends the fear and violence that so often consumes our world. Let us hold fast to this promise, even in the darkest moments."

The pastoral statement and call to prayer will be sent to congregations, communities, councils and agencies of the Uniting Church.

**"I invite every congregation, agency, faith community, school, family, and member within the Uniting Church to join in a Week of Prayer for Peace in the Middle East from 29 September to 5 October 2024"**

### **Church news bulletin bloopers**

- † We have just received word of the sudden passing of Rev Smith this morning during the worship service. Now let us sing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."
- † Glory of God to all and peas to his people on earth.



## A Prayer from the President of the Uniting Church in Australia, Rev Charissa Suli

Gracious and loving God,  
You are the source of all peace, justice, and reconciliation.  
We lift before you the people of Palestine and Israel,  
whose lives are torn apart by conflict and division.

For those who mourn the loss of loved ones,  
for those who live in fear,  
and for those who long for freedom,  
we ask for your comfort and healing.

May your spirit of peace rest upon the children who cry out in fear,  
the families displaced from their homes,  
and the communities struggling under the weight of violence.

Guide the hands and hearts of leaders to seek justice and mercy.  
Open the eyes of the world to the suffering in the Holy Land,  
so that we may respond with compassion and action.

Lord, we pray for an end to violence,  
an end to oppression,  
and an end to the cycles of revenge and hatred.  
In your mercy, soften the hearts of those in power,  
that they may seek paths of reconciliation and hope.  
May your kingdom come, and your will be done,  
in this land and across the world.

Help us, your church, to be instruments of your peace.  
Strengthen our resolve to work tirelessly for justice  
and to speak out for those whose voices are silenced.  
In all things, may we remember that what we do for the least of these,  
we do for you.

In Christ's name, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

## Pocket Prayer Quilts

Still available for a **gold coin donation**. They are just a little something to give to someone who is struggling and remind them of God's comforting love. If you would like to help with these, fabric is always welcome.

If you can think of anywhere that could benefit from some of these, please leave a note in the basket or in the money jar.



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.

Our church has an account number for easy recycling at the Containers for Change centres. Please find a



## 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.

All money raised goes to the Distress Fund which helps those in need.



## Offerings to date 24 September 2024

**Week \$1,201.22**

Budgeted Offerings \$18,240.00

Offerings year to date \$ 19,831.91

**Difference plus \$1,591.91**

**Donations Nil**

## 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 06th October 2024

### 9am Service

<b>Preacher</b>	Richard W
<b>Reader</b>	Melody N
<b>Greeters</b>	Joan D
<b>Offering</b>	Greg S & Peter P
<b>Livestream</b>	Grace F & Carmen C
<b>Data</b>	Reg D
<b>Organ</b>	Carmel S
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Jillian B & Val D

### Lectionary Readings

*Jb 1:1; 2:1-10, Ps 26*

*Heb 1:1-4; 2:5-12, Mk 10:2-16*

## 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](mailto: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.)