



The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

Welcome to our Sunday Service of worship,
commencing at **9-30am** every Sunday



Pentecost 2

2 June 2024

Welcome: Judie Law & Rosie Sharp
Flowers: Peter Punch
Coffee/Tea: Lynsay & Jenny Dunning & Pauline Terblanche
Reader: Pauline Terblanche
Kids Church: Julie Lehmann
Church Rep: Yoy Alberastine
Worship Leader: Yoy Alberastine
Speaker: Yoy Alberastine

Pentecost 3

9 June 2024

Welcome: Lynsay & Jenny Dunning
Flowers: Debby Hardy
Coffee/Tea: Peter & Cath Salisbury
Kids Church: Anita Alberastine
Church Rep: Rev. Mike Fawcett
Worship Leader: Yoy Alberastine
Speaker: Rev. Mike Fawcett
(Communion)



Readings from the Lectionary

1 Sm 3:1-10, (11-20)
Ps 2139: 1-6, 13-18
2 Cor 4:5-12
Mk 2:23-3:6

1 Sm 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)
Ps 138
2 Cor 4:13-5:1
Mk 3:20-35



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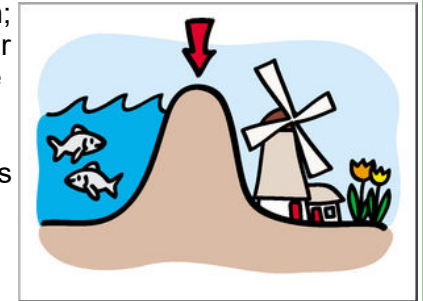
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Our Vision: "United in Christ we reach out to build loving relationships that deepen faith and enrich lives."

God's Dike

Much of Holland was once part of the ocean; but the industrious Dutch built great dikes far out in the shallow sea, and so reclaimed the land. As their dikes hold the ocean back, on the landward side the people occupy their homes, farmers till their land, and the wheels of commerce turn.



Many of the rural lowlanders have a quaint way of referring to Sunday, the Christian sabbath. They speak of it as God's dike.

Why? one might ask. Because what God's people do on this day each week serves society in the same way a dike serves the land. As the dike holds back the sea, so does Sunday and the worship experience help to hold back the flood of evil which is forever threatening to overflow the people.

God interposes the instruction and inspiration of Christian worship as a bulwark against wrong. The Christian Sabbath is civilization's strongest social buttress against the overwhelming flood of evil and fear and despair which are forever pressing hard upon us. By means of it, the forces of righteousness are made stronger against all the powers that would undo us.

What we do in worship today and every Sunday is to strengthen our dikes, to help keep them in good repair. Today we are not merely doing something for ourselves - we are also doing something for the world. We are taking part in an unceasing effort which involves many millions of people and stretches over many centuries of time. Let's be aware of the vast enterprise we're involved in, and let's be glad we're in it.

Staff, CSS Publishing, Lima OH (Edited)

Tragic Flaws of Pharisee Laws

In contrast to the two commands of Christ, the Pharisees had developed a system of 613 laws, 365 negative commands and 248 positive laws...By the time Christ came it had produced a heartless, cold, and arrogant brand of righteousness. As such, it contained at least ten tragic flaws:

1. New laws continually need to be invented for new situations.
2. Accountability to God is replaced by accountability to men.
3. It reduces a person's ability to personally discern.
4. It creates a judgmental spirit.
5. The Pharisees confused personal preferences with divine law.
6. It produces inconsistencies.
7. It created a false standard of righteousness.
8. It became a burden to the Jews.
9. It was strictly external.
10. It was rejected by Christ.



J. Stowell, Fan the Flame, Moody

Holy Spirit, Holy One by Lisa Degrenia

People of God, Rejoice!
 Our Eternal and Beautiful God is near
 The One who gives us new birth by water and Spirit
 The One who names us beloved
 The One who delights in our very existence
 Come and worship
 Holy Spirit, Holy One
 Holy Spirit, Descending Dove
 Alight on me that I may know your presence
 Anoint me that I may know your call
 Fill me that I may know your power
 Guide me that I may know your path
 Name me that I may know, that I know, that I know who I am
Amen



Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the heart of those who seek the LORD rejoice. – Psalm 105:1-3, NIV

Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. – Mark 1:10, NIV



*A very warm welcome is extended to any visitors.
 We trust that you will be blessed during this time of
 worship and invite you to fellowship with us*



The Enablers List

Thank you to everyone who volunteers to join our church's Enablers' List. Without your help our church services would not be the joyous celebration of God's Love that we enjoy and share every Sunday.

It is now time to start compiling the Enablers' List for the **1st July to 30th September 2024 quarter**. If you haven't been on the Enablers' List previously, or have taken a break from the List, please join in.

You can get more information from any member of the Leadership Team. Could all new and existing congregational members willing to serve on the Enablers' List please email Peter at prpunch@lasar.net.au ASAP and not later than **5pm Sunday 16th June** advising your availability and the Enablers' roles you are happy to accept (greeting, flowers, morning tea, reader and/or kids church).



Prayer Walking

Arising from our Prayer Room participation in "Thy Kingdom Come" came the idea of 'Prayer Walking' in our local areas to reclaim them for God. As we walk, we pray that the presence of God is known in that place. We would especially like to pray for the schools and shopping centres.

We need volunteers to help by offering to be part of this work for God. In order to coordinate our Prayer Walking in different areas, or for more information, please contact:
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Thank You From the Craft Group

Thank you to everyone who helped set up for the guest speaker last Tuesday, and to all those who came and cleaned up afterwards. It was a great morning and we raised \$600.00 for the Bali Hospital. (Bumi Sehat)



Pastoral Care

For pastoral care or spiritual guidance please contact:

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Happy birthday

Laurel James Tuesday 4 June
**God Bless and warm wishes
 To you upon your birthday**