



TOGETHER IN FAITH

We extend a warm welcome to everyone to worship today

'We are God's people: unconditionally loved by God. Following our calling, we seek to reflect God's love everywhere, in all that we are and in all that we do'

Lectionary Readings for Pentecost 14C, 2025 Sep 14

Theme: "I have found..."

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 "For my people are foolish; they do not know me;"(v.22)

Psalms 14 "Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God.""(v.1)

1 Timothy 1:12-17 "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the foremost."(V.15)

Luke 15:1-10 "Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep."(v.6)

While I was reading today's readings, this word came up repeatedly from Jeremiah and Psalm and slightly different words but similar meaning. The word was "Fool." Or sinners in Timothy or lost in Luke.

First of all, Jeremiah delivers the word of God who said, "For my people are foolish." It is not a word normally God would use, but frankly we find many places in the scripture God called his people a fool. "they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding."(v.22) In fact, our human history has been repeat of constant betrayal to God's grace, turning our back to God's guidance to go our own way. Christian writer Philip Yancey said "the whole bible is the story of God's persistent effort to reconcile a broken humanity with Himself through Jesus Christ." Jeremiah was just one of the writers who noticed and delivered message to Israel in hope and prayer that they might come back to God.

Psalm reading also says "fools say in their heart, there is no God."(v.1) And continues to describe "every one has proved faithless...there is none who does good; no, not one."(v.3) However, it finishes with a hope. "But the Lord is their refuge...when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad."(v.6-7)

Indeed "Jesus came into the world to save sinners"(v.15) as Paul note to Timothy. Even though we are still struggling to follow God in the darkness, Jesus came for sinners.

Luke 15 contains three parables of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin and the Lost Son (the prodigal Son story)

It shows exceeding joy of God when He found his sheep, coin and son that once lost, but found. It is beyond our logic or accounting practice after finding a small coin, throwing a big party to rejoice with all her friends.

Just imagine when God found us.

Question:

1. Why God is not giving up to reclaim his people?
2. What would be a foolish thing for us these days?

Next Week:

Pentecost 15C, 2025 Sep 21, International Day of Peace

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 (Amos 8:4-7)

Psalms 79:1-9 (Psalm 113)

1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13



Worship Services Today

Wangaratta 9.30am
F Smith & R Maxwell

Greta/Mohyu 10.00am
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*Short Notices for the weekly
bulletin can be emailed to
Christina by 4pm Wednesday*

News

Next week (21 Sep) will be the International Day of Peace and this year's theme is "Act Now for a peaceful world" Special speaker, Dr Mark Zirnsak, Senior Social Justice Advocate from eLM Synod, will join us to share stories from Palestine and Israel.

During September we will participate the Season of Creation which is prepared by the ecumenical steering committee from all over the world. This celebration started by when Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I proclaimed 1 Sep as a day of prayer for creation and later world Council Churches extended from 1 Sep until 4 Oct and Pope Francis joined the celebration from 2019 and we will join with 2.2 billion Christians during this month of celebration and prayer.

Life Giving Bible Study, the final series "DNA of Growing Churches" will start from Monday 6th October at 4pm in the meeting room.

You're Invited!

The Wangaratta Concert Band cordially invite you to their concert today.

The Band are celebrating the dynamic music scene here in Wangaratta, and we would love you to join us today, 14th September at 2:00pm, in the Wangaratta Uniting Church Hall.

We have a fantastic variety of music to play for you. and afternoon tea will be served at the conclusion of the concert. This is a great opportunity to connect with other local musicians, enjoy some great live music, and support the community.

This concert is free and there is no need to book. We hope to see you there!

Timor Leste & Indi - Celebrating 20 years of Friendship Saturday 20 September 2025, 6-9pm Uniting Church Hall \$25. Bookings via <https://www.trybooking.com/DEBZT>



Wangaratta Cluster Calendar

Monday 15 September
mainly music - 9am

Monday 15 September
SALT - Church Hall - 6pm

Tuesday 16 September
Pastoral Care Meeting

Tuesday 16 September
Church Council Meeting

Wednesday 17 September
St Johns Service - 11am

Thursday 18 September
Illoura Service - 11am

Tuesday 23 September
UCFA - 1.30pm

Saturday 27 September
Church Knitting Group - 9am

Rosters for Sunday Worship

Wangaratta	14 September Pentecost 14	21 September Pentecost 15	28 September Pentecost 16
Worship Leader	Frank Smith & Ruth Maxwell	Rev. Hoon You	Rev. Hoon You
Musician	Heather Miles	Lesley Johnson	J & H van Riet
Vestry	Helen James	Helen James	Anne Turnbull
Welcome and Offering	Adrian Twitt	L Bertuch & J Johnson	L Bertuch & J Johnson
Bible Reader	Helen Twitt	Frank Smith	Rosemary Steele
Morning Tea	K Neate & R Barnard	M Clayden & V Watson	T & H Wickham
5 pm	Glen Miles	Wendie Wilkie HC	Brian Tunks
Eldorado	No Service	2pm - HC Rev. Hoon You	No Service
Greta/Moyhu	Rev. Hoon You	No Service	Colin Thomson

If you are unable to fulfil your rostered duty, please arrange to swap with someone else. A heartfelt thanks to you all - our priceless volunteers!