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 18A, 2026 August 27
Theme: "The Will of his father."
Exodus 17:1-7 "The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."(v.2)
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 "He split rocks open in the wilderness and gave them drink."(v.15)
Philippians 2:1-13 "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,"(v.5)
Matthew 21:23-32 "Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first."(v.31)

Last couple of weeks, we heard the core message of Jesus in Matthew was not becoming the first or the last nor how many times we should forgives each other, but to know that we all belong to the Lord. From this perspective of God, we understand how many times we forgive or becoming the first or the last doesn't really matter from God's perspective.
Today's message also provide us another parable that explains that from God's perspective or father's point of view, what we say 'yes' or 'no' doest's matter but our action to follow the will of God does count. For the matter of the chief priests and the elders challenging Jesus with questioning 'who gave him authority?' Jesus counter-attack where did John's baptism originated, from God or human origin? Once again, it is a key question to understand the will of the father and follow with action for we belong to the Lord no matter what.
Exodus 17 tells us the people of Israel continue to quarrel with the leader, Moses and complains to God, saying "give us water to drink." Just like they complained about food last week. I learned that it is God who gives us what we need and once again we belong to the Lord. In today's story of Moses opening the rock to water flow from it, once again finishes with the key point, "is the Lord among us or not." If we belong to the Lord and the Lord is among us, what can make us fear.
Psalm 78 reminds us all the things the Lord has done in exodus including God opening the rocks to gave them drink, and made the streams out to cause waters to flow down like rivers.
Philippians 2 tells us the well known song of the early church, "Let he same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We may not know every will of the father, but as we follow the example of the Lord Jesus Christ and have the same mind like him, we don't need to worry or doubt about whether our action is not following the will of the Lord.
Once we understand we all belong to the Lord, have the same mind of Jesus, it will be naturally follow like a river to follow the will of the Lord, exactly as Jesus did.



Questions
1. When did you experience following the will of the Lord and say 'Yes" to God?
2. What helps us to learn what is the will of God?

Next week: Pentecost 19A, 2026 Oct 4
Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20, Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46

Worship Services Today

Wangaratta 9.30am
Rev. Hoon You

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

News

Due to the Terip / Ruffy Final church service (lost church buildings in bush fires) being held on Sunday 27th September, the meeting with the Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee, Rev Denise Naish and Heather Edwards has been postponed to 18th October. Thank for your understanding.
Rev Hoon You and Bill Gerritsen, Chairperson Church Council.

Loaves & Fishes Christians Caring provides emergency food relief in Wangaratta. As the need for food relief increases across our region so does our need for volunteers. If you'd like to help and have some time available, we have a job for you. Why not come and be part of our fantastic team! Like to know more? Phone 0490 509 167 and speak to Deb.

Rev. Hoon will be on annual leave next week to visit family in Tasmania.

Walking the Bible will take a break this Wednesday and will continue on Wednesday 7th Oct with session 5, Context and structure of the New Testament.
Session 4 story resources can be found here: https://www.icloud.com/iclouddrive/oebnBP8puIvkmbQknzpgMnI_Q#WB_Study_Resource_4

Wangaratta Friends of La Cluta Open Gardens fundraiser will be held on Sunday 18th October. Three beautiful gardens will be open for details see flyer on the table in the foyer

Please use the small booklet "Try praying" and if you have any feedback or a story to share, email Hoon hoonyou@gmail.com

Wangaratta Cluster Calendar

Monday 21 September
SALT - Rowan Street - 6pm

Saturday 26 September
Church Knitting Group - 9am

Saurday 3 October
Safe Church Training in Church Hall - 9.30am

Wednesday 7 October
Singing Group at Illoura - 10.30am

Wednesday 7 October
PALS - 2pm

Tuesday 13 October
Property & Finance Meeting

Wednesday 14 October
Rangeview Service - 11am

Rosters for Sunday Worship

Wangaratta 9.30am	27 September	4 October	11 October
Worship Leader	Rev. Hoon You	Colin Thomson HC	Rev. Hoon You
Musician	H Miles	R McLay	L Johnson
Vestery	R Steele	H James	A Turnbull
Welcome & Offering	S Bishop	A Twitt	A & H Twitt
Bible Reader	R York	H Twitt *	A Turnbull
Morning Tea	M Clayden & J Ambrosio	P Ritchie & J Croucher	H Twitt & H Wickham
5pm	Rev. Hoon You	Glen Miles	H McKean (RSL Dinner)
Eldorado 10am	*No Service*	Lesley Johnson	*No Service*
Greta/Mohyu 10am	F Smith & R Maxwell	*No Service*	John van Riet

**Also helps with Vestry for HC*

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!