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 19A, 2026 October 4
Theme: "This was the Lord's doing."
Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20 ""Do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you…"(v. 20)
Psalm 19 "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you."(v.14)
Philippians 3:4b-14 "I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call."(v.14)
Matthew 21:33-46 "this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"(v.42)

So far, from Matthew's readings, we heard "We belong to the Lord," and "Follow the will of the Father." And until Matthew 20 these teachings were directly to his disciples who have been unable to understand. But from chapter 21, Jesus' messages are directed to the priests and elders of the people. After Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem in Matthew 21:1-11, He cleans the temple (vv.12-17) and curses the fruitless fig tree (vv.18-22) In v.22 Jesus says, "Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive," Jesus argues with the high priest and the elders who asked about who gave Jesus the authority.(vv.23-27) Then Jesus told them two parables, one from last week, 'the parable of the two sons,'(vv.28-32) and in today's reading 'The parable of the wicked tenants.'(vv.33-41) After this parable, the priests and the elders finally notice that Jesus was criticising them and tried to arrest Jesus.
Clearly through the wicked tenants parable, Jesus points out the tenants who overstepped their position as an owner, instead of tenants, like the religious leaders, trying to overthrow the landlord, even killing the heir, saying ''This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'(v.39) After Jesus quoted Psalm 118:22-23 ''The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes" he clearly warned "the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits," which the priests and elders took offended and wanted to arrest Jesus.
So far, we hear that even the builders rejected stone, the Lord is making them the cornerstone, teaching the religious leaders to bear fruits instead of building their own system and power.
Exodus 20 tells us the 10 commandments and saying "do not be afraid, for God has come only to test you…" not necessary to judge nor condemn us with these commandments.
If we continue to meditate the words of the Lord and put into our heart, as Psalm 19 says, our soul will be revived by the words,(v.7) and will be joyful and be enlightened. (v.8)
In Philippians 3, Paul also acknowledged that it is the Lord who lives in him and he want to press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Jesus Christ. (v.14) Paul's confidence is coming from the knowledge of what the Lord is doing making us from the rejected stone into a cornerstone.



Questions:
What do we rely on in our life's journey?
Can we really hold on to Jesus as the cornerstone?

Next week: Pentecost 20A, 2026 Oct 11
Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14

Worship Services Today

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Short Notices for the weekly bulletin can be emailed to Christina by 4pm Wednesday

News

The baptism of Jonathan Beel will take place on Sunday 11 October 2026. Please join us for this celebration.

As part of the Life and Witness consultation, two members of the Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee will visit us on Sunday 18th October to have a conversation during the morning tea.

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.

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

Walking the Bible 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/oebnBP8pulvkmbQknzpgMnI_Q#WB_Study_Resource_4



Wangaratta Cluster Calendar

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 HC - 11am

Sunday 18 October
Worship Planning Group - 11.30am

Sunday 18 October
SALT Picnic - 12.30pm

Tuesday 20 October
Pastoral Care Meeting - 4pm

Tuesday 20 October
Church Council Meeting - 5.30pm

Wednesday 21 October
Social Justice Committee Meeting - 4pm

Rosters for Sunday Worship

Wangaratta 9.30am	4 October	11 October	18 October
Worship Leader	Colin Thomson HC	Rev. Hoon You	Rev. Hoon You
Musician	R McLay	L Johnson	H Miles
Vestery	H James	A Turnbull	E Dinning
Welcome & Offering	A Twitt	A & H Twitt	B Sheppard & J Poole
Bible Reader	H Twitt *	A Turnbull	C Thomson
Morning Tea	P Ritchie & J Croucher	H Twitt & H Wickham	J Johnson & ???
5pm	Glen Miles	H McKean (RSL Dinner)	W Wilkie HC
Eldorado 10am	Lesley Johnson	*No Service*	Rev. Hoon You
Greta/Mohyu 10am	*No Service*	John van Riet	*No Service*

**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!