

**LECTIONARY READINGS for
Trinity Sunday and Pentecost 2**

First Reading	Psalms	Second Reading	Gospel
Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a	8	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
Genesis 18:1-15	116:1-2, 12-19	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8

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- advocate for First People's voice to be heard in determining their future;
- respect and appreciate the culture and stories of First Peoples, and work together to deepen our relationships based on reconciliation that arises from justice, and leads to healing; and
- live in harmony with the sacred land that we share.

To stand by and remain silent is to be complicit in contributing to a system and world that is against God's intention for us all.

What God desires is for us to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God. (Micah 6:8)

Yours in Christ,
Dr Deidre Palmer
President

Prayer

Risen, Crucified God, We cry out for justice for the family of George Floyd and for comfort for all those who mourn his death. Forgive us for the sin of racism, and the ways we fail to acknowledge that all people are equal, created in your image, deeply loved and of infinite worth. Forgive us for our silence, and the ways we are complicit in racist attitudes and actions. Stir in us vision, courage and determination to work for justice in Australia. May your Holy Spirit fill us with your compassion and reconciling love, that we might walk together as First and Second Peoples in mutuality, respect and delight in our shared life and destiny together. Through Christ, our Liberator, we pray, Amen.

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Today is
TRINITY SUNDAY

NEWSLETTER

7 JUNE 2020



Hi all. As advised in last week's online service we are having a week off this week; in fact Sue is on leave this week as well.

We thought that we would, with the kind permission of Pilgrim Uniting Church, upload their 9.30 Service which is focused on World Environment Day to our Facebook page and YouTube Channel. It will be uploaded and available for viewing on Facebook or on YouTube from 12 noon on Saturday 6 June - so you can watch it whenever is convenient.

Don't forget if you have any orange, yellow, red Pentecost creations let us have them. Also anything else that you have created please let us know and we will incorporate them into an online service in the future.

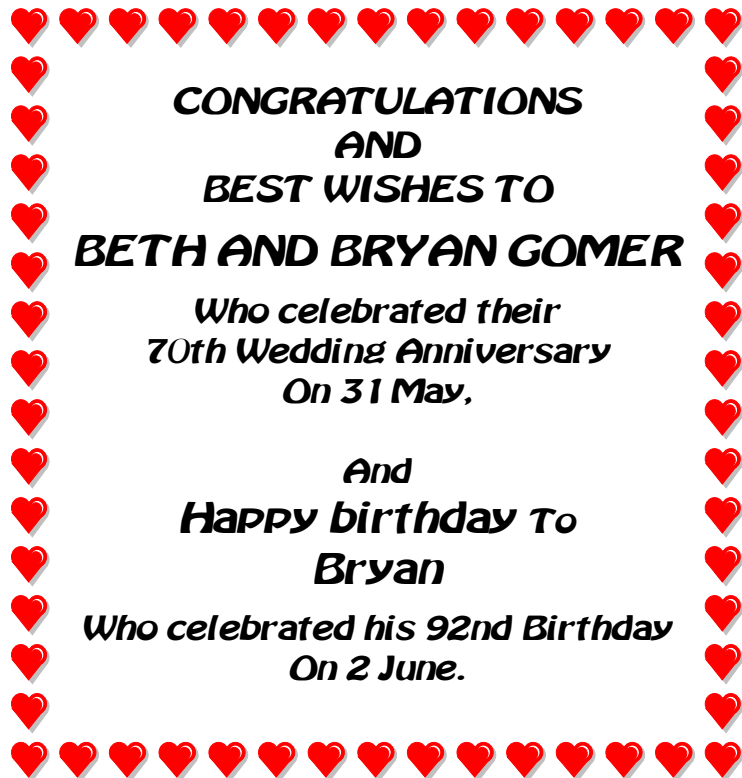
Church Council meets this Tuesday and we will have news about opportunities to re-commence meeting on site.

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A WARM WELCOME to all who are worshipping with us on-line!
CHURCH COUNCIL will meet at the church on Tuesday, 9 June at 5 pm
ELDERS will meet on-line on Tuesday 30 June.

MORE NEWS can be read on the Synod E-News page at
ucenews@sa.uca.org.au ; and also news from the Assembly at
<https://assembly.uca.org.au/news/item>
or assembly.uca.org.au/resources/ministry-during-covid-19



Any items for inclusion in the Newsletter can be sent to Val—no
later than Thursday, if possible. val.canty@gmail.com



**Uniting Church in Australia
ASSEMBLY**

4 June 2020

Pastoral Letter – Racism and Police Brutality

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I join with Christian leaders from around the world to express my outrage and deep sorrow over the murder of George Floyd, and the evil of racism, which gives birth to such acts of inhumanity.

I offer prayers for the Floyd family and for all those in the U.S. who live in fear and ongoing discrimination because of the colour of their skin. We join in solidarity with all those who are working for justice, equity and healing in the U.S. and particularly with our partner churches, who are deeply committed to this struggle for justice.

In the Bible, our sacred text, we hear God's cry for justice for those who are living in poverty, those who are oppressed by unjust systems, those who are excluded and discriminated against.

For the President of the United States to brandish the Bible as an assertion of power over people seeking justice, is an affront to the prophetic and radical call of Jesus. The Jesus we know from the Gospel stories, calls leaders to use their power in service to others, to call forth in others compassion, justice and kindness, unity and community. These are the leaders, we are called to be and that we need in the world today.

While we condemn what is taking place in the U.S., a country which was my home for nine years, we need to also turn our gaze to our own home in Australia. We need to focus on the racism which blights our land, the racism, which leads to Aboriginal deaths in custody, which has First Peoples experiencing discrimination, poverty, ill health and disadvantage.

We began this National Reconciliation week by saying we need to strengthen our actions for justice, healing and reconciliation. This is not an abstract call – it is seen expressed daily in our relationships with one another in this country.

It is seen when we:

- call out racism;
- tell the truth about the history of colonisation, dispossession and the undermining of First People's culture, language and spirituality;

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