



Reflections

October '20

Seek Growth

Find

Life

Know love

What's Online This Month **October 2020**

Looking for a Place to Belong?

Morning Service 10am

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/5106252255514401293>

Evening Service 6.30pm

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/156940301057506061>

Outside the Box -progressive Christians

Put your name on the Waiting list
events@mccsydney.org

Let's Do Lunch 1pm every Sunday

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/735862253>

Women's Meeting 7.00pm every Tuesday

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/920536597>

Café Church n Bible Study 7pm Wednesdays

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/518008421>

Men's Meeting 7pm every 1st & 3rd Thursday

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/631753989>

Be Upheld Support Meeting 2nd & 4th Thurs.

Be Upheld ministers have the link

Trans Formation for information...

thetransformation@mccsydney.org

Check out our ever-changing Website and Facebook each week.



Pastor's Corner... Rev Dale Yardy,



Dear Friends,

During these unprecedented days, we are invited to discover anew our hope in God. This is not always easy as we are jolted from side to side on this Covid-19 rollercoaster. But it is necessary, otherwise we can be lulled into a surface level awareness of reality that is overwhelmed by the 24/7 news cycle of democracies falling, positive cases spiking, and recessions around the corner. We must of course be aware of what is going on around us, how can we not? This is one of those moments in history where God invites us to take heart, to be reminded our God is still with us through this present age, and to find our hope, our strength, our life founded on this deeper reality which underlies the surface events of our world. In the book of Isaiah, we find the prophet imploring us to align ourselves to this deeper reality. The word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)... those who wait for our God shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31).

May you discover new ways to gain strength in God in the coming months. Our Communion in the Park is an opportunity to do just that, as are our online small groups and worship services. Check our website for upcoming dates. On October 21 at 6pm we'll run another online Covid Safety Training. We need just 12 more people to take it so we can begin that process of reopening, so I commend it to you.

In the meantime, know the love of God and this community holding you. May it give you wings to soar above the surface troubles of this present age, and renew your soul's strength and hope.

LifeWords

BETRAYAL

LUKE 22: 54-62

Then they arrested him and marched him off to the High Priest's house. Peter followed at a distance, and sat down among some people who had lighted a fire in the middle of the courtyard and were sitting round it. A maid-servant saw him sitting there in the firelight, peered into his face, and said "This man was with him too." But he denied it and said, "I don't know him, girl!" A few minutes later someone else noticed Peter, and said, "You're one of these men too." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!". Then about an hour later someone else insisted, "I am convinced this fellow was with him. Why, he is a Galilean!" "Man," returned Peter, "I don't know what you're talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the cock crew. Jesus turned his head and looked straight at Peter, and into his mind flashed the words that Jesus had said to him ... "You will disown me three times before the cock crows today." And he went outside and wept bitterly. (JBP)

None of us has 100% loyal to Jesus. Peter's denial of him was pretty spectacular after he had vowed not to do that very thing . And he did it three times.



But in our own way we fail Jesus repeatedly. We promise to do this or that and fail to do it. We stay silent when we need to speak. We do things we know displease him. We sideline him when we want to go our own way. That is the bad news. The better news is that Failure was not final for Peter or for us. Jesus works through and with those who fail. We are not written off.

And this narrative of the denial has Jesus looking at Peter. We are left to wonder what was in that look? We can't believe it was rage and anger. We may think it is disappointment, or penetrating insight, or even perhaps sheer love.

When you and I fail, what look will Jesus have on his face? Our answer tells us a lot about what we think and believe about Jesus.

Blessings, David Reay

I believe God wants you to know

... that without knowing who you
 are and why you are here, life 
 has no meaning.

Seek, then, to study the questions.
 Work to experience the grandest answers.

Who You Are is an Individuation
 of Divinity.

Why you are here is to demonstrate that.
 Today is going to offer you a perfect chance
 to do that.

Watch. Listen. Before the end of this day,
 you will have a chance to be Divine.

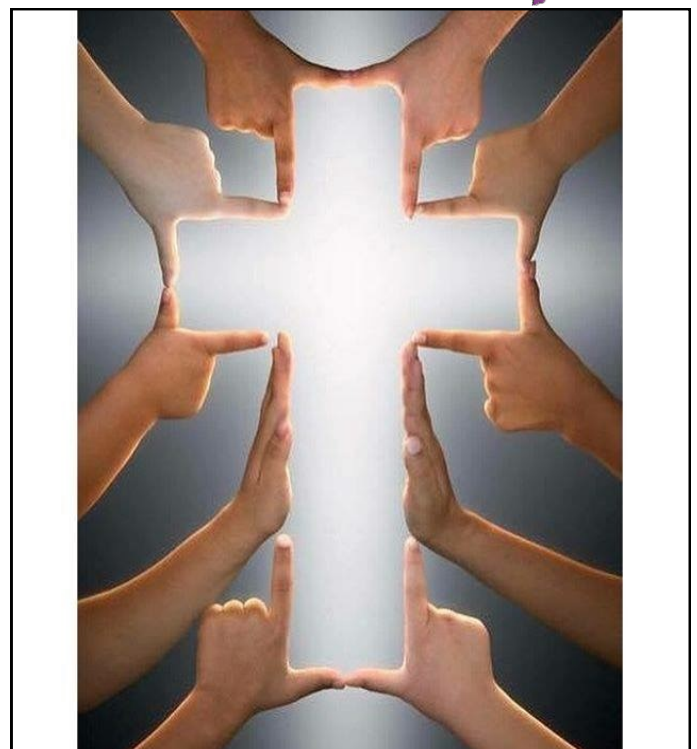
Indeed, someone is counting on you to.

Your Friend, Neale Donald Walsch

A Blessing For You

May God bless you when you are in the margins and in the minority. When you find yourself dominated and outnumbered, may you know that God accepts you and counts you as a treasure. May you stand out in your uniqueness, in your compassion, and in your giftedness as God's beloved. May God bless you with faithfulness to your truth and the fullness of love. May the God of Self-Acceptance bless you.

Maxine Shonk, OP



Communion In the Park

Brighton Reserve

Brighton St. Petersham. 11am

Just down from M CCS. Lunch after.

**Recently held on Saturday October 10
And coming on Wednesday October 14**

COVID Safe.

BYO chair or rug plus lunch

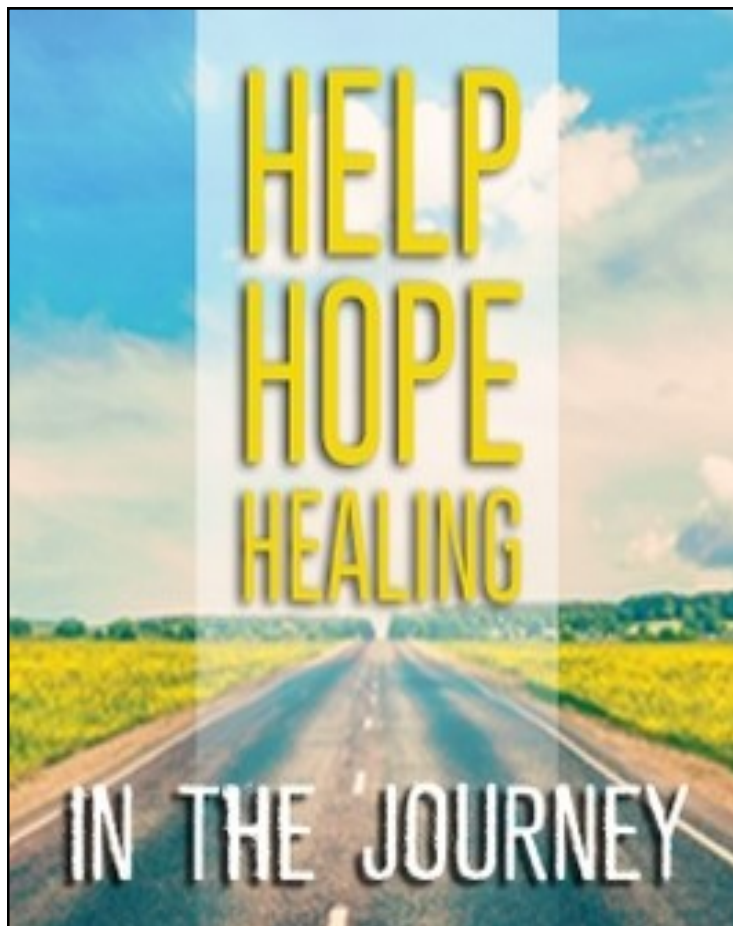
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Please stay home if you are not feeling well



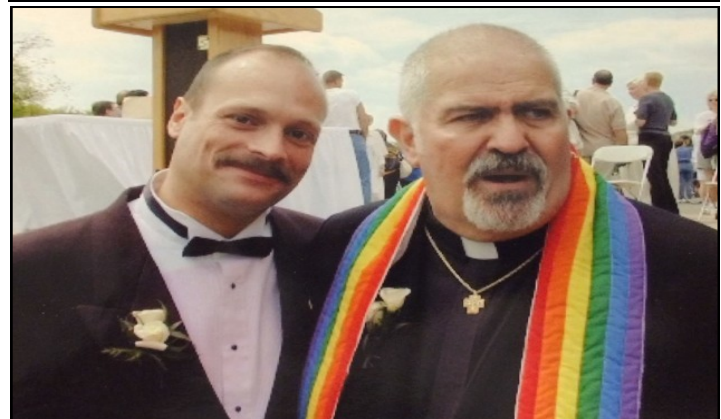
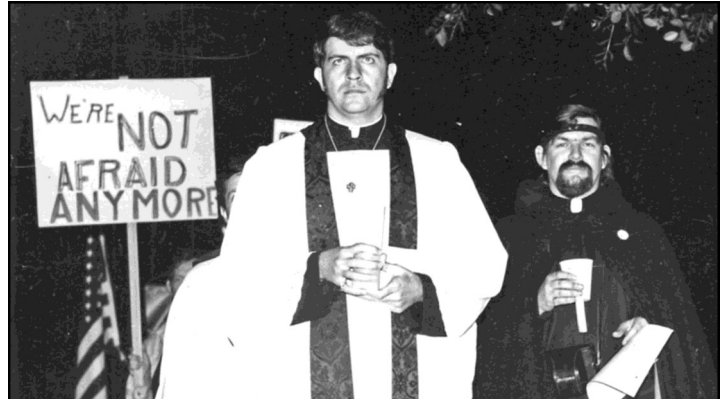
Become a Be Upheld (Stephen) Minister

Learn how to care for those around us who need some support and community contact.
Contact Rev Dale if you feel you may be interested or to find out more information.



Congratulations Reverend Troy Perry

On 52 years as Founder of MCC back in 1968



And his Husband, Phillip Ray De Blicke

***And today, Rev Troy...Founder,
Rev Elder Nancy Wilson 2nd Moderator and
Rev Elder Cecilia Eggleston our current
Moderator***



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During this COVID 19 time we have been very fortunate to continue our services and programs online through GoTo. This has been possible partly through the generosity of a group of people who agreed to become monthly sponsors. As the lockdown period has extended far past expectations, it would be amazing if new sponsors could take over this role. The sponsorship is under \$50 per month per sponsor. (Couples could pay half this amount each). Sponsorship is also on top of weekly or monthly tithing so it won't be an option for everyone.

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is via Crystal St
Hearing Loop is
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Parent's Room is currently
closed

Morning Tea & Supper are unable to
be served at present.

Everyone is welcome ONLINE