



Reflections

October

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“FAITH YOUR FEAR” Lee

Morning Service 10am is ONLINE
Evening Service 6.30pm is ONLINE

Editor's Corner

A Great Story For Us All

This guy's walking down the street when he falls down a hole. The walls are so steep he can't get out. A doctor passes by, and the guy shouts up, "Hey, you! Can you help me out?" The doctor writes a prescription and throws it down in the hole and moves on. Then a minister comes along, and the guy shouts, "Reverend, I'm down in this hole. Can you help me out?" The minister writes out a prayer, throws it down in the hole, and moves on.

Then a friend, Casey, walks by. "Hey, Casey, it's me! Can you help me out?" And Casey jumps in the hole. Our guy says, "Are you crazy? Now we're both down here." Casey says, "Yeah, but I've been down here before, and I know the way out."

When any of us is in a hole, Jesus does not offer advice from high above. He enters into our depths, he understands our shadows and our darkness. How tiresome it is to be offered misguided counsel by those who fail to understand and who interpret our own needs simply in light of their own.

Because of who he is, Jesus doesn't do that. He is the only one who can truly say to us, "I know how you feel. And I know the way out."

Fellowship For 40 (minutes) @ 7.30pm

Missing your Church family?
Wishing we had more time to chat after our Zoom Services?
Then join us for a casual catch-up on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.



Bible Study with Mark Dalgleish @ 7.30pm

On the 1st Wednesday (after his Message the Sunday before).
First one is October 6.



Read: James 5:13-20 & Mark 9: 38 -50 in preparation

All Zoom Links will be emailed before the event. Contact office@mccsydney to get onto the email list

ZOOM MEETING

Audio Only

With Video





Stay tuned for updates.

LGBTQIA People 65+

Let's get creative! ADS is launching the **Artful Pride Club** for LGBTQI people who are 65+ and looking for a creative outlet. Register now for online classes starting in October, run by an experienced artist. . Five weeks of fun and creativity to look forward to. Details on registration. Email info@advancediversity.org.au or call 9597 5455

Artful Pride Club

LGBTQI and 65+ and looking for a creative outlet?



When: October dates and times to be notified after registration.
Location: all sessions will be held online and these details will also be provided upon registration. | **Book:** Via 9597 5455 or info@advancediversity.org.au

Over five weeks you will learn to create your own art masterpiece!



Advance Diversity Services

LGBTQI service provider of the year

I believe God wants you to know
In every moment of every day, you are presented with opportunities to show yourself, those around you, and God, who you truly are. From the seemingly inconsequential decisions you must make each day, to the various challenges that arise in your life -- both large and small -- these are your opportunities to better know yourself and let others know you through your actions. This is why you may want to pay attention to what you do in all of these moments, to be present and accounted for, and to make choices that are aligned with what you believe in and feel is important. So at the end of each day, when you reflect on what you've done with those moments, you can feel good about the person you've shown yourself to be. And if in that reflection you recall moments where you did not reach the heights of Divine expression to which you aspire, you can resolve to do better next time, and to be that higher version of yourself tomorrow.
Your Friend, Neale Donald Walsch

Send your Pets Photo to Office@mccsydney.org

MCC METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH SYDNEY
Blessing of
PETS SERVICE
SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER
10am & 6.30pm
During Sunday Services Via Zoom
Send your close-up Pets' Photos + their names to: office@mccsydney.org
The link for this Service will be sent as usual

IN THE BOAT

Luke 8:22-25

One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. As they sailed, Jesus fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger. The disciples woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" Jesus got up and reprimanded the wind and the raging waters. The storm subsided, and all was calm. "Where is your faith?" he asked the disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this who commands even the winds and the water and they obey him." (NIV)

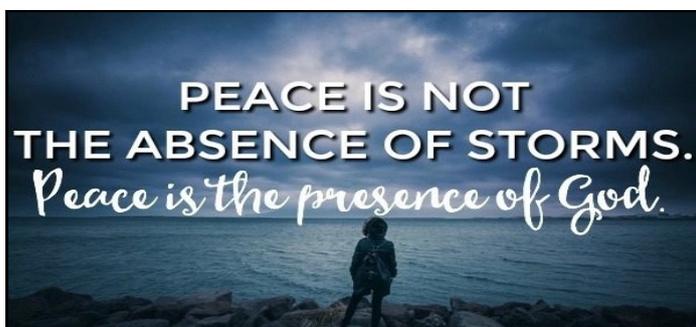
We don't have to be those who put out to sea in boats to get the message. For each of us, the **Sea of Circumstance**, of world disorder, of personal hardship, is threatening enough. Will we be overwhelmed by all this? Is it all too much? Do we have enough faith or strength to not only face but survive this all-encompassing sea?

The answer to that lies in the "boat" we are in. It may seem small, but that doesn't mean it will capsize or sink. It may be tossed about and we may have to hang on as the storms swirl around us. But we can stay afloat.

The "boat" is our **helpless clinging to God** in the midst of it all. Our fragile yet real faith that somehow our God will get us through even if we don't know how. Our consciousness that God has seen us through storms in the past and will do so again.

But it is not so much the nature of our "boat" that matters. It is who is in the boat with us.

Blessings, David Reay



The Board Walk



Dear Members and Friends,
As we make our way into the last part of the year, looking towards Advent and Christmas, I hope that you are staying well. It has been great to have seen so many of you joining the Sunday services via zoom and we are blessed to have so many amazing people that help make these services possible. MCC Sydney would not work without all of you.

Of course, as rates of COVID-19 vaccinations in NSW continue to rise, we are moving closer to the much-anticipated re-opening of places of worship. We are aware of the new 'roadmap' put forward by the NSW Government and we will be discussing this to work out the safest way forward. We will work on our COVID-safe plan, in accordance with all relevant legislation which, at present, requires all those attending church to be fully vaccinated. While this is a difficult regulation that might exclude some from attending church, it is a measure for now that will protect the most vulnerable in our community; and we do encourage everyone to be vaccinated if possible.

The Board meets on the 3rd week of the month. If you wish to attend the meeting via zoom, please email the office. Some people have also been asking about a new Pastor. A pastoral search process requires great prayer, patience and proper resourcing. At the last Board meeting, it was decided that a Pastoral search process will start when the tithes and offerings **average \$10,000 a month** in line with Uniting Church policy and ensures that we can fully fund a Pastor. At present **we are averaging \$5,000 a month** which is incredible generosity.

Please continue to pray for the community and the future of MCCS, as we work through this difficult time. And know that your Board Members are working hard to ensure the doors, both physical and virtual, stay open.

In Faith, Rev Gavin Ward
Acting Chairperson on behalf of the Board

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BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment.

Care for the poor.

FORGIVE OFTEN.

REJECT RACISM.

Fight for the powerless.

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

EMBRACE DIVERSITY.

LOVE GOD.

Enjoy this life.



**We ARE
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Our Church Building is currently closed due to COVID.

However, WE are the Church.

Everyone is welcome IN CHURCH

OR LIVE on Facebook Members and Friends

