#### Offerings to Middle Ridge Uniting Church:

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#### Offering prayer

God, we hunger for a world where all will live with abundance, where we will no longer hurt or destroy each other, where we turn more toward celebration and less toward exploitation, when we meet our neighbours and enemies.

Accept these gifts which we now offer. Bless them, fill them, use them so they might help in creating your vision for the world. Amen.

Rosters - Being part of the life of the church			
	22 September	29 September	6 October
Preaching	Rev Bruce Warren	Rev Bruce Warren	Rev Bruce Warren
Data Preparation	Karen Kong	Roweena Semesi	Ross Brown
Data operator	William Clarke	Louise Bland	Ross Brown
Sound Operator	Lukas Christensen	Matthew Skerman	Glenn Adamson
Camera Operator	Nicole / Paul Irwin	Glenn Adamson	Nicole/Paul Irwin
Elder	Paul Fuller	Linda Adamson	Paul Fuller
Song Leader	Wes Jones	Lisa Christensen	Lisa Christensen
Music	Jason Pelcher	Greg Bland	Lorraine Fuller
Welcome	??	Kay Fritz	Linda Adamson
Morning Tea	Alison Trappett & Judith Gibbins	Bill & Brigitte Sheraton	Christine Gilshenan, Kay Fritz

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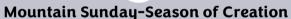
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#### **Lectionary Readings**

**September 22 - Mountain Sunday** Isaiah 65:17-25, Psalm 48:1-11, Romans 8:28-39, Mark 16:14-18

September 29 -

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22, Psalm 124, James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50



This week's readings celebrate the majesty of mountains. Mountaintops in scripture are where humans draw nearer to the divine, and blessings are carried back down. The Bible records mountain top moments. Moses receives the ten commandments on top of a mountain. In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus gives the people some of his greatest wisdom in the Sermon on the Mount. Later, Jesus' face shines like the sun on top of the mountain, as awestruck disciples watch him converse with Moses and Elijah. Mountains are set apart. They are sacred; in the book of Isaiah, they offer us an image of the true expansiveness of God's vision for our world.



22 September 2024

## Middle Ridge News

We rejoice in meaningful relationships with God, ourselves and the community.

Living out our values of Faith, Love, Courage and Gratitude.



#### Season of Creation Mountain Sunday

Holy One, you lift us up from low places and help us see more than we could see on our own. Free us from hopelessness. Rescue us from apathy. Inspire us with your vision of a time when abundant life will spill into every part of Earth, when justice flows down like a waterfall, and where new life takes the place of the things which no longer serve.

Amen.

#### Heavenly Father,

Just as we clean our homes in spring, we ask You to sweep through our hearts and lives, clearing out the things that holds us back from fully following You. Renew us with Your Spirit, Lord, and make us clean and whole.

We pray that You would also refresh and renew Your church. Help us remove anything that distracts from Your love and truth. May our community be a place of welcome and hope for those searching for new life that can be found only in You.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and make this church a home where all can experience Your grace. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen

From Uniting News 17 Sept 2024

THANK YOU Today we celebrate our morning tea volunteers who serve our tea, coffee and biscuits each week. These refreshments enhance our time of fellowship together and we give thanks for the generous hospitality shown by our volunteers.

Can you help with morning tea? See Kay Fritz to go on the roster or perhaps you could supply a packet of biscuits or other morning tea supplies from time to time—sugar, teabags, coffee.

#### New On the Noticeboard / brochure stand

#### Scripture Union News.

Organ Fireworks concert, Monday 23 Sept, 10am, St Patrick's Cathedral *Free admission* 

Val Peachey Exhibition Garden open 20-29 Sept supporting Toowoomba Hospice.

Helen Early Ensemble - Journey to Bethlehem at St Pauls 30 November 7.30pm \$12-\$25. *Must book*.



# Traditional Service of Hymns With morning tea & friendship time Thursday 3 October 2024 10am All Welcome



#### Craft Coffee and Cake

Friday 4 October 1.30-3.30pm Activity Hall

### **Markets For Mission**

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 7am - 1pm





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Crafts, Cakes, Plants, Bric-a-Brac, Books, Sausage Sizzle, Café



#### **Weekly Activities**

Sundays Church Service all ages included 9.00am Mondays Monday Bible Study (Zoom) 1:30pm Margaret Spinks 0400 710 277 Praying for the life of the Church Tuesday in Church Fover All Welcome 9.30am Ray Kirkman, Kay Fritz Tuesday Tuesday Evening Bible Study (Zoom) Linda Adamson 46370065 7pm **Wednesday Ladies Bible Study** Wednesday 9am for 9.30 Contact Jo Cox 0409 620 993 Thursdays Bloke's Discipleship Group (Zoom) 7.30pm Alan Skerman 0437 771 324



#### Faith Runs Deep

There is still time to access the subscription to view the episodes, stories of faith from history and present day Australians please see Margaret Spinks for the code to log in.

September's second offering supports Protea Place. Protea Place provides support, dignity and safety to vulnerable women facing homelessness or fleeing domestic violence.

Donate at www.proteaplace.org.au/donate or to the church bank account with reference '2nd offering PP'



#### Second Offering August

Thank you for your contributions to August second offering supporting Base Services which raised \$761.90.