

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: If you come knowing that you are flawed and in need,
then you are in the right place.

All: We all have a place in God's grace

If you come feeling small in the presence of God,
then you are in the right place.

In God, the small find welcome and a true home

If you have come full of gratitude for all that God has done,
then you are in the right place.

We come to give our wholehearted thanks and praise.

HYMN: 422 Come Holy Spirit, come

WELCOME

RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,

or take the path that sinners tread,

or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the Lord,

and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,

which yield their fruit in its season,

and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked will perish

PSALM REFLECTION

PRAYERS

... Prayers of confession

God of mercy, we confess that we have let many things

come between our daily lives and your eternal reign.

We draw near to you now, O God. Draw near to us.

We confess that we too often let anger, apathy, and hectic schedules
come between us and those we love.

We draw near to you now, O God. Draw near to us.

We confess that we make mistakes in our life together as your church.

We have not extended our hands and hearts in welcome

to all who need your love and mercy.

We draw near to you now, O God. Draw near to us.

We come humbly, seeking your forgiveness and longing for your words
of welcome. We pray in the name of the One who welcomed each of
your children and told us to do the same.

We draw near to you now, O God. Draw near to us.

God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

Receive the grace of God, who calls us to be great in those things that
matter most.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN Right side up

1. It really is a worry to stop and look around;
there's sadness, hate and madness,
a world that's upside-down!
But Jesus built a kingdom, he came to set it up,
there's goodness, love and justice,
a kingdom right-side up!

CHORUS:

*Right - side up! It's a brand new way to live.
When others say get even, Jesus says "forgive"
Right - side up! His love is in our hearts,
he'll take out the hate, and we'll make a new start.*

2. When people say "Look after number one and get ahead"
Then Jesus says "be happy; obey God's ways instead!"
When people say, "It's nonsense!"
Keep right on Jesus way!
His kingdom lasts forever - it's here with us today!

CHORUS:

c. John Lane.

Readings: Mark 9: 30 - 37

James 3: 13 – 4: 3,7 - 8

In this is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

WARRAGUL UNITING CHURCH

REFLECTION: "Exhibit A: the welcoming of kids"

HYMN: 465 Father in heaven

SHARING & NOTICES

OFFERING

- as the offering is brought forward we sing:

HYMN: 774 For the life that you have given

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN 681 Lord let me see

BLESSING

.....Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
in the name of Christ. Amen

SUNG BLESSING For you, deep stillness



*a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who make peace' James 3: 18*



Pentecost + 18

10 am Worship
Sunday September 22 2024

