



Werribee Uniting Church

We acknowledge the people of the Kulin alliance, the original custodians of the land which was never ceded and on which our buildings for worship stand and we gather.

9 August, 2026 Pentecost 11



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Greetings, Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

Welcome to Worship!

Today, we will be reflecting on Matthew 14: 22-33

I heard this story so many times in Sunday School. The disciples were sailing across the Sea of Galilee in very rough water, when, early in the morning, Jesus appeared walking towards them on the water. The disciples were terrified and thought they were seeing a ghost but Jesus immediately spoke to them, "Take heart, it is I, do not be afraid."

The emphasis in this story is not on Jesus' ability to walk on water that shows his supernatural powers, but rather on who Jesus is. Casting out demons, healing the sick, raising the dead, calming the raging sea and, in this story, we are told that Jesus is Lord over nature, even over the sea. Jesus is Lord over all the powers of chaos and destruction that threatens the life of the church, the mission of God's people, and the victory of the kingdom of heaven.

This story also gives us a brief glimpse of what Matthew believed discipleship was all about. When Peter asked Jesus if he could come to him on water, Jesus said, "come". Peter stepped out of the boat on water. For a moment he walked like his Lord, but Peter was confronted by fear and started to drown. This is a moment when Peter's faith was mixed with fear. When Peter started to drown, Jesus rescued him. This tells us that Jesus will always save us. When they returned to the boat the disciples worshipped and confessed, "Truly you are the Son of God."

If we cannot walk on water, does that mean we remain on the boat? No! We know that as Christians we are called to go and reach out to the troubled world. We will have successes and failures in anything we do. Apostle Peter made mistakes, he had failures in life, yet

TODAY AND NEXT WEEK

Worship services

9 Aug: Raymond Surujpal

16 Aug: Rev Bruce Watson

Samoan service

3rd Sunday, 12pm, in the Church: All welcome.

Pastoral Care: Please contact Raymond Surujpal, convenor, pastoral care team on: 0432 619 184.

Bible readings

This week: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28, Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33

Next week: Genesis 45:1-15, Psalm 133, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 15: 10-20, 21-28

What's on this week

Monday: 9.30am Playgroup

Tuesday: 9.30am Bible Discussion

Wednesday: 9.30am Property Group;
7pm Church Council

Thursday: 9.30am Gardening Group;
5.45pm Choir Practice

Rosters 9 Aug (16 Aug)

Greetings: Node & Mae Madu (Margaret Dent)

Audiovisual: Mahonrie Aiga (Jacob Lewis)

Morning Tea: Mae Joy Madu & Louise de Nove
(Sandra Savory and Margaret Gook)

Music: Gina Lee (Asanka Pakura)

Prayers: Judy Vincent (Vivien Bleakley)

Reader: Julie Rees (Wendy Barnes)

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he was prepared to have a go. For this reason, Jesus called him “the rock” the one he had chosen upon which to build his church. You and I must be prepared to leave the safety of the boat, knowing that we would be subjected to the same turmoil in life as everyone else. There will be no miracles to make our job easier. God is still a small voice, but you and I must take our faith into the world, not with magic tricks but on a relationship of love and trust in God.

The storm in this story is related to the danger, fear and faith. The “boat” represents the ‘Church’ which is facing many trials and tribulations, but we know and we believe, that Jesus will save everyone who calls on him in faith. In times of need, Jesus reaches out to each of us. Jesus is the living Lord. He will not allow you to walk on water, but if we trust him, we will be safe, even as we leave the safety of the boat.

Blessings Raymond Surujpal

[Image above taken from On-Line Pictures. Artist unknown]

Walking, Talking, Amigos

Thank you to the 12 Amigos who joined us last Saturday at the You Yangs for our Winter Hike! We had a great time connecting with nature and discussing how we can protect our precious Snow Gum trees.

Please support Friends of the Earth Melbourne by signing the link to request the federal government list Snow Gums as an endangered species (<https://sl1nk.com/mowbitg>)

- Next Hike: Saturday, September 19 at 9:30 AM (You Yangs). Mark your calendars—everyone is welcome!



Photo: 12 Amigo's You Yangs July 2026

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Occasional Sunday Lunches out

We will be enjoying lunch at Club Tarneit 622 Leakes Rd on Sunday 23rd August at 12md. Senior Meals available. Please Contact Elaine on 0435 998 013 or Lorna on 0419 101 766 for cancellations or bookings.

LifeRoad Singers, 9 August 2026

Join us on this evening 9 August 2026 at 6pm to hear the LifeRoad Singers.

The Life Road Singers, formed in 2010, are a self-supporting ensemble of classical music professionals dedicated to praise concerts and overseas touring ministries.

