

Fairfield Uniting Church 5th May, 2026

Opening Song: The Summons  
Opening Prayer



The Readings  
1 Peter 2: 2-10

• **A Poem: "To Risk" - Anonymous.**

To laugh is to risk appearing the fool.  
To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.  
To reach out to another is to risk  
exposing our true self.  
To place our ideas - our dreams -  
before the crowd is to risk loss.  
To love is to risk not being loved in return.  
To hope is to risk despair.  
To try is to risk failure.  
To live is to risk dying

**TiS 636 God has spoken to the people  
Alleluia**

***The Gospel: John 14: 1-14***

Recording: Rich Mullins: Where I am  
**Reflection**

**A Litany: 'Sometimes We Wonder'**

The creation is alive with the glory of God,  
yet sometimes we wonder.

**After the music has died away and  
we are faced with the challenges of a  
new day –  
sometimes we wonder...**

Wonder whether we have the heart to  
keep going.

**The way ahead seems unclear  
and so much is changing around and  
within us...**

Sometimes we wonder whether we have  
the imagination to keep hoping.

**When the pain and struggles of our  
hurting world catch at our throats and  
draw us into despair...**

**LHS Then into our weariness new life is  
breathed.**

**RHS Into our helplessness fresh dreams  
are poured.**

**And we rise upon wings like eagles.  
We run and no longer feel tired.**

Offering Hymn: I am a Child of God

**Communion: The Lord's Supper  
Welcome to the Table**

At this table we give thanks for  
justice, love, peace and freedom.  
At this table we come as community  
living into Grace, Forgiveness and Peace.

**At this table we give thanks for friends  
and strangers together in community in  
this place. At this table we welcome old  
and young; A place at the table for  
every one.**

**Introduction Thanksgiving**

We give thanks for the unfolding of  
matter, mind, intelligence, love and life  
that has brought us to this moment in  
time.

**We celebrate our common origin with  
everything that exists.**

We celebrate the mystery we experience  
and address as 'God', the ONE who is the  
ground of our very being, the Christ in  
whom we live and move and have our  
living, and sustainer of everything that  
exists,

**We celebrate God in these three ways.**

And we acknowledge this mystery  
embodied in every human person,  
aware that each one of us gives God  
unique and personal expression.

**We celebrate God is everywhere  
present.**

In grace-filled moments of sharing.  
In the real life of the Daily grind, and  
In carefully created communities of loving  
solidarity.

**We celebrate our inter-connected-ness  
with everything, living and nonliving, on  
this planet.**

We are indeed Connected. Interrelated.

And interdependent.

**Webs of life within a web of life!**

### **The Story**

How on many occasions, Yeshu'a the Jew, would share a meal with friends. Bread and fish and wine shared in community.

**For everyone born, a place at the table...**

And we remember how Yeshu'a would take the bread; Offered a blessing, and then shared it with them.

**And all of them ate together.**

And we remember how Jesus, would take the wine and pour it out, Offering a blessing, and then they would all pass the cup.

**And all of them shared the wine.**

...

**Together may we re-imagine the world.**

**RHS** Together may we work to make all things new.

**Together may we celebrate the possibilities and hope**

**LHS** Together may we work to make Justice flow.

**Together, a place at the table for every one.**

*<confession and reconciliation>*

### **Bread and White Wine**

We break the bread for the broken earth, ravaged and plundered for greed.

**May there be healing of our beautiful blue and green planet.**

We break this bread for our broken humanity, for the powerful and the powerless trapped by exploitation and oppression.

**May there be the healing of humanity.**

We break this bread for the unhealed hurts and wounds that lie within us all.

**May we all find and be healed.**

We share this cup: This is the cup of peace and of new life for all.

**A sign of love for the community of hope.**

**Communion - the distribution**

**The Prayer After Communion**

### **Parting Words And Blessing**

With expectation and imagination...

**Living God, inspire us.**

With compassion and courage

**Living God, inspire us.**

With openness and love

**Living God, inspire us.**

**Closing Hymn: For you deep stillness**