

St Matthew's Anglican Church, Morrinsville

October 11th, 2020

Theme for Sunday: Living As A Liberation Community



Readings: Exodus 32:1-14

Psalm 106:1-6,19-32

Matthew 22:1-14

Sentence: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times. *Psalm 106:3*

Collect: God of freedom, your invitation to a life of liberation never ceases. You call us to give faithful witness to your love, justice, and freedom. May we be steadfast in faith, and our lives and community marked by our thanksgiving and joy. Amen.

From Love to the World

Monday October 5th

Exodus 32:1-14

Introduction to Prayer: God of peace, bid our anxious fears subside.

Response to Scripture: Help me keep my eyes on you dear Lord.

Q: Who has shaped you as a leader? What did you learn from him/her, and how could you thank them?

Prayer– Loving God, inspire, guide, strengthen, and sustain the world's leaders.

Tuesday October 6th

Exodus 32:15-35

Q: In what situations do you see Aaron's excuses being made today? And how do we tend to respond to such situations?

Prayer–Lord God, cleanse the depths of my soul.

Wednesday October 7th

Philippians 4:1-9

Q: What might others "learn", "receive", and "see" in you that is worth emulating?

Prayer– May the peace of God guard my heart and my mind in Christ Jesus.

Thursday October 8th

Philippians 4:10-23

Q: With whom do you share your abundance?

Prayer – Lord God, may I be a fragrant offering to your people.

Friday October 9th

Isaiah 25:1-9

Q: What opportunities may you have today (or have had) to tell of the greatness of the Lord?

Prayer – Gentle Spirit lead me to praise your name.

Saturday October 10th

Matthew 22:1-14

Q: Why do we sometimes find it difficult to accept a generous invitation?

Prayer – Loving God, today may I accept your gracious invitation.

Sunday October 11th

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Q: “They forgot God, their Saviour” (v.21). How can you do a better job this week to remember the great things God has done for you?.

Pray for the lands and people of Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, and Mexico.

SPECIFIC PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

- **Pray for** the people who have lost their homes at Lake Ohau from the fire and the farmers who have lost land and stock.
- **Pray for** the fire crews and search and rescue dealing with the fire around the McKenzie high country.
- **Pray for** our politicians as we come up to election day and those chairing the debates.
- **Pray for** our friends and family who are unwell.
- **Pray for** those who mourn the loss of a loved one.
- **Pray for** the USA as it approaches its own elections amid high covid numbers.

GIVE THANKS

- **For** the people providing shelter, food and clothing to those who have lost everything in the Lake Ohau fire.
- **For** sunshine and warm weather and grass harvesting that's happening.
- **For** the local businesses as they pick up business after the covid limitations.
- **For** Auckland being able to go back to Level 1 and no community cases of Covid for several days now.
- **For** being able to vote early to avoid crowds.

Focus

This week the Exodus reading tells us the story of the people with Aaron's help creating a magnificent golden calf. Moses returns and as the Psalmist explains it "stands in the breach" between God and the Israelites. Moses repairs the broken trust on both sides. Paul too makes a plea to us to not be afraid and to trust in the peace that passes all understanding.

When has fear caused us to doubt or shy away from our instinct to do good, or act for justice?

How do you search for peace?

Prayer: Keep us from fear, that we may strive to keep covenant with you God and work for peace in our community and beyond. Amen

Next Sunday: Known by Goodness and Mercy

Readings: October 18: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10; Matt 22:15-22

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Events:



Melanie Budd has the Fair planning well in hand.

Stall Holders – Plants- Ariel McCracken
Cakes – Olwyn Downing
White Elephant – Chris & Jacqui Hutchings
Christmas – Rachel Churton
Knitting & Handcraft – Lyn Doughty
Books – Dianne Sia
Produce – Raewyn Court
Sausage Sizzle – Michelle Gubb
Lucky Dip – Anne Todd
Raffles – Margie Thomas
Morning Tea – Sharron Berry
Silent Auction – Val Riches
Jewellery & Bling – Melanie Budd

Some stalls still need helpers – please contact Melanie if you can help
There is a contingency plan if we move out of level one. Hopefully it wont be needed

Please let Melanie know if you have any items that need to be collected for the Fair.
We look forward to seeing you all there

**If you have any concerns please contact
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