



SALT BUSH
UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Luke 17:11-19
Belonging

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

Welcome

We come to hear the Good News, to embody the love of God in Christ as we share our lives with others.

Lighting of Christ Candle

Acknowledgement of Country

Leader: We acknowledge the Ngunnawal and Ngambiri Peoples, the first inhabitants of this place, part of God's good creation. We honour them for their custodianship of the land on which we gather today.

People: **You set humanity at the heart of your creation, O God; charging us with stewardship of all you have made. We give thanks for those who have heeded your call.**

Responses & Gathering Prayer

Come, let us meditate on the word of God.

For God's word holds wisdom and truth.

Come let us allow the Spirit to speak into our lives

For God's Spirit is active and present. Come let us walk the ways of Christ. **For it is in Jesus that we find our way.**

(pause for a moment of silent reflection)

Come let us pray.

Come, Spirit of God, fill this time of worship with the fullness of your presence.

Open our ears to hear your word And our eyes to see your works.

May we taste the sweetness of your mercy.

May we experience your presence in all our senses as we open our hearts to the gentle touch of your compassion. Amen.*

Song:

We Belong

1. Our restless feet will wander far from here
Our gentle hearts will ponder and not fear

Chorus

We are blessed, we are loved, we belong

You are blessed, you are loved, you belong

I am blessed, I am loved, I belong.

2. Our weary feet will stumble and fall
Our heavy hearts will crumble for all.

Chorus

3. Our homebound feet will follow the way
Our gentle hearts will hold, hope and pray.

Chorus

(Tessa Macaulay, Cate Burton and Zoe Henderson)

<https://malcolmgordon.bandcamp.com/track/we-belong-tessa-macaulay-cate-burton-and-zoe-henderson>

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to turn to those around you and offer them a word of greeting and peace.

The Word around the Bush

Psalm 66

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Message

Belonging: Rev Tim Jensen

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Questions for conversation

- When have you felt left because you were considered different?
- When have you left others out because you thought they were different, for whatever reason?
- What does it mean for you to feel that you belong to the immensity of the love and compassion of

God?

- In what ways does your church let all people know they belong to the God of love, hope and mercy?

Silence in Two Ways

Spend some time in silence sitting still. If your mind begins to fill with too many concerns, picture them drifting away.

Prayers for Others and Creation

Eternal Presence, Constant Love, may we know your desire is for us to know you in our lives.
That we know we belong in your kingdom to the vastness of your love, mercy and compassion.
That we could share the immensity of your grace with others. That we could stand as those who embody the life we have been called to in Christ.

And we bring to our prayer at this time.

For creation.

For the world.

For this country

For the community

For your Church For ourselves.

Offering

Our offerings for the celebration of life in this place and beyond, will be received. We acknowledge those who give through electronic means and who give of their time, energy and practical contribution to the work of this church, and the wider community.

All: May these offerings be used to extend God's realm of love and compassion, grace and inclusion, hope and forgiveness.

Amen. (Aaron Harper)

Song for Reflection:

Beauty for Brokenness TIS 690

Closing Responses & Blessing

Embody the rule of love that is written in your heart, offering the sweetness of God's mercy to all you meet. The grace of God, the love of Christ and the presence of the Spirit be with us all.

Amen

Community Time

Notices

Birthdays, Journeys