



ROSEVILLE UNITING CHURCH

“Sharing the love & welcome of Jesus”

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Recently I have been reading a book with a title that made me stop and think: *Grace: God's Greatest Gift*. The author, Bill Huebsch, attests that to experience God's grace more fully, we need to pause. He calls this pause 'The Holy Pause' – a time when we stand back in the midst of our everyday experiences, bring them together, reflect...

Our Wednesday Small Group met this week, realising that we are half-way through our calendar year – time for a mid-year reflection, a good time to stand back, to gather our experiences, reflect and even share.

- ◆ In the midst of our routines, have there been any occasions that cause us to stop and think? How have we been dealing with the 'expected' and the 'unexpected'?
- ◆ Do we see again how closely our personal lives are entwined with the lives of others—family, friends...? Is this as far as it goes? We see people and places caught up, helpless in the storm of world events. Are they part of our lives?
- ◆ Through all this, are we aware of being 'receivers' of God's grace? Of being 'bringers/sharers' of God's grace?

Jesus told many stories, causing people to pause, to reflect, to re-order their lives. Where do we see God's grace in, for example, the prodigal son, the mustard seed, the good Samaritan?

We came up with many more. And what of the life-story of Jesus himself? Do we find in the words, the life of Jesus, 'grace' sufficient to nourish, sustain and give meaning to our daily lives?

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Sunday July 13th

<https://roseville.unitingchurch.org.au/livestream>

9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
Organist: Sean Weatherley
In person and online...

10.45am **Second Cuppa**

5.30pm **Worship Service with Sophie van Ede**
50 years of NAIDOC

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Amos 7: 7-17
Psalm 82
Colossians 1: 1-14
Luke 10: 25-37

What's on this week

Thurs Young Adults' Dinner 7.00pm

Fri Christian Meditation 2.30pm
Prayer Hour 7.00 pm

Sat Lindara Markets 8.00am –1.00pm

Sunday July 20th

<https://roseville.unitingchurch.org.au/livestream>

9.30am **Worship Service with Chris Goringe**
Organist: Alan Caradus
In person and online...

4.00pm **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

5.30pm **Oodles "n" oodles**
With Sureka Goringe and Sonia Powell

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

Amos 8: 1-12
Psalm 52
Colossians 1: 15-28
Luke 10: 38-42

Links

[Service live \(or replay\) streaming](#)

[Zoom \(for meetings\)](#)

[Church website](#)

[Chris' sermons](#)

Extraordinary General Meeting

Sunday July 20th 4pm



'Oodies and 'Oodles

Sunday 20th July @ 5:30pm

Noodles, stories,
songs, and candles

Worship, but not as you know it

Everyone is welcome



Prayer Hour for the Congregational Meeting

In preparation for July 20th, we're encouraging everyone to set aside some time on Friday 18th to pray for our special congregational meeting.

If you would like to join with others, Sophie will be at the Church from 7pm to 8pm - if you can't make it, perhaps try to pray at that time wherever you are!

More dates for 2025

12th July: Working Bee

17th July: Young Adults' Dinner at Cath's 7.00pm

19th July: Lindara Market

20th July: Extraordinary Congregational Meeting 4.00pm

9th August: Women's Gathering 9.00am—3.00pm

31st August: Rev. Keith Garner to preach at Roseville UC

12th September: A Taste of Meditation 1.00pm

18th September: Circle of Friends 10.00am

8th November: Working Bee

22nd November: Lindara Market

But 'grace': what we are talking about here? Both the Hebrew word for grace and the Greek word charis mean the same: something freely given. Grace cannot be earned – it is given, Freely.

Over time, the impact of God's grace has been received and expressed, sometimes in very dramatic ways. John Newton, once a slave trader, later a Christian clergyman, in 1772, drew on his personal life-story, using vivid imagery to convey the profound impact of grace that he experienced. And still today, with countless others, we sing his hymn: Amazing Grace. How do we explain the impact of this 'amazing grace' over time – and upon us?

Grace, the free gift of God Himself, rings through the scriptures. Very often, it came as a greeting, as encouragement, as assurance to individuals, and to early Christian communities. And so it comes to us today.

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." (2 Corinthians 13:13)

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