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Life is a sacred Journey

This last week I have been reflecting with my meditation groups on how life could be seen as ultimately a sacred journey. A journey that holds possibilities for learning and growth. A journey that holds experiences which mould our thoughts, beliefs and character into the person we are today. When we can embrace this concept, we see life through a different lens. It can give us a sense of meaning and purpose to our lives. Many of life's trials and tribulations, joys and sorrows can be seen as opportunities to bring greater understanding and acceptance into our lives, and to be more compassionate towards ourselves and others. We can more readily take this view if we believe that we are on a path we are meant to be on and that has been prepared for us. Life then becomes a privilege in which we surrender to what is and come to know the sacred. Through meditation and other practices of stillness we can foster a connection with our own being and experience that sacredness of God's presence within ourselves. Our source of love and compassion.

I have a few quotes to share this sentiment with you today.

The first is from the novel *The Color Purple* written by Alice Walker when the character Shug Avery tells Celie:

"Here's the thing, say Shug. The thing I believe. God is inside you and inside everybody else."

The second quote is from the gospel of John Ch15 Vs 4: Jesus addressing his disciples in the description of the true vine:

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me."

The last quote is from Caroline Joy Adams

"Your life is a sacred journey. And it is about change, growth, discovery, movement, transformation, continuously expanding your vision of what is possible, stretching your soul, learning to see clearly and deeply, listening to your intuition, taking courageous challenges at every step along the way."

"You are on the path exactly where you are meant to be right now. And from here, you can only go forward, shaping your life story into a magnificent tale of triumph, of healing, of courage, of beauty, of wisdom, of power, of dignity, and of love."

Practice coming into stillness

Every day, take time to close your eyes and take one minute to physically relax and then simply sit in stillness. Let go of thoughts and listen with your whole body, firstly to the sounds that you can hear, the space between the sounds and then to the silence within.....notice the stillness in your body, the quietness of your mind and the peace in your heartJust be in this momentnotice a sense of Being, a sense of presence while watching your breathing.

Blessings

Michael

Links

[Service live \(or replay\) streaming](https://roseville.unitingchurch.org.au/livestream)

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

[Church website](#)

[Chris' sermons](#)

Sunday July 6th

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

9.30am **Worship Service with Holy Communion with Chris Goringe**
Organist: Robert Bevan
In person and online...

5.30pm **Worship Service with Holy Communion with Chris Goringe and Stuart Powell**
In person and online...



Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

2 Kings 5: 1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6: (1-6), 7-16
Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

What's on this week

Wed Wednesday Small Group 10.00am

Sat Working Bee 8.00—11.00am

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 Stuart Powell and Chris Goringe**

Bible Readings from the Lectionary:

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

This is a reminder that an Extraordinary Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday 20th July 2025 at 4.00pm in the church hall. Under Presbytery rules, only members of the congregation may attend and vote. An email was sent to registered members earlier this week providing further information about the meeting. If you did not receive this email, but are a member of the congregation, or would wish to become a member, please contact Chris Goringe (0402 012 418).

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!



Join us in Prayer...

Heavenly Father,

Help us to start each day with plenty of gratitude and to make time each day to pray and make time to listen for your voice and guidance.

Help us to spread love and kindness to all people and may our actions reflect your grace.

We pray for wisdom and discernment in all our undertakings, especially decisions regarding the future of our church. We commit to you the forthcoming special congregational meeting on 20 July.

We pray for those taking a winter holiday - safe keeping whilst traveling and rest and replenishment during the time away from usual activities.

We pray for those caught in the cycle of violence, be it at home, the workplace or in war ravaged areas of the world.

For those affected by yet more flooding in NSW and those still battling with the aftereffects of the last heavy rains and floods. For the farmers affected by on going drought.

We surrender these prayers to you as we honour you in our thoughts, words and actions.

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Working Bee

Saturday 12th July

8.00– 11.00am

Come for as long as you are able



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