

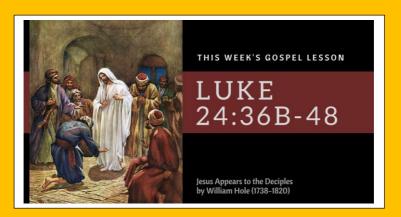
The Uniting Church in Australia KOGARAH UNITING CHURCH

We welcome people of all cultures and lifestyles,
We create a safe place for the community
We share the journey of life and faith.

April 14, 2024, @ 10am
Easter 3 – Not by Might or Power

Leader: Deok Hee
Preacher Deok Hee
Holy Communion Deok Hee

Acts 3:12–19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1–7 Luke 24:36b–48



For details and information about our church activities and The Kogarah Storehouse, check out the websites: kogarah.uca.org.au and https://www.kogarahstorehouse.org.au/

For pastoral concerns,
please contact Rev Deok Hee Cho on 0401 975 745

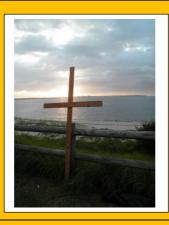
Face to face Services
Kogarah Uniting Church
At 10:00am

Some COVID Conditions have changed

There is an increasing number of cases at the moment, so there is still a need to be careful.

New strains have been detected recently.

Masks are highly recommended given the vulnerability of some of our members. Please do not come in if you are feeling unwell.



Scriptures

Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man at the Beautiful Gate, Peter makes sure that the crowd following him know that he has healed through the power of God and not in his own strength.

Psalm 4

The psalmist encourages listeners to be faithful, knowing that God will shine kindness on them and let them sleep soundly.

1 John 3:1-7

John reminds his readers that they are to be considered children of God.

Luke 24:36b-48

Luke uses an appearance of the risen Christ to remind the apostles that they have a duty to tell the story.

Theme Focus

As Peter assures the crowd gathered at the temple gate that it is not by his power, might or holiness that he heals but by God's power, we are encouraged to look to God in faith.

Word for the Day

There are sometimes people who are called miracle-workers because they manage to pull things off that are unimaginable. Often, these are people with lots of authority, power and resources.

Sometimes, people get credit for miracles others have worked hard to make happen. Sometimes, only one or two people know about a miraculous event.

In this week's reading from Acts, Peter tries to make sure that God gets the credit for the miracle that has occurred. He draws attention to how

Jesus was treated in his lifetime, perhaps to remind the people watching that things are not always as they seem.

Ideas for Reflection

- Has there been a time in your life when something miraculous occurred? What does it mean to see or perform a miracle today?
- Who are the miracle workers in your community? Who are the people who get credit for working miracles? Do these two groups of people overlap?
- What do you do after you have seen a miracle? Do you tell people
 or treasure it in your heart like Mary? Many times in the Gospels,
 Jesus tells people not to say anything. How do you know when to
 speak and when to keep it to yourself?



"Shake Up The Morning" (Tune: 'Shake up').

Shake up the morning, let the dawn undress,

Let dew reglisten nature's loveliness;

Waken the songbird and unseal the throat

That greets the daybreak with a crystal note.

Praise to the Lord, whose morning we inherit;

Praise creation's fuse, the Holy Spirit;

Praise to the Son who rises with the dawn,

Leaving grave clothes scarcely three days worn.

Shake up the world and let the Kingdom come,

The dumb be listened to, the lost find home;

Make earthly politics the stuff of prayer

Till want and warring are dispelled by care.

Praise to the Lord, whose world we inherit;

Praise God's catalyst, the Holy Spirit;

Praise to the Son whose choice it is to bless

Those who work for peace and live on less.

Shake up the Church and let all Christians show

That faith is real, that God is good to know;

Fashion new symbols of the coming age

When hope and love with take the centre stage.

Praise to the Lord, whose Gospel we inherit;

Praise God's bird of love, the Holy Spirit;

Praise to the Son whose will and words decree

All are one in his community.

Shake up the evening, let the shadows range

As clouds to castles in the sunset change;

Kindle the moon and stars which through each night

Reflect the glory of tomorrow's light.

Praise to the Lord, whose evening we inherit;

Praise creation's presence in the Holy Spirit;

Praise to the Son whose brightness none can kill,

Lighting paths for those who seek his will.

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Planning Ahead

- 11th April Church Council Meeting 7pm via Zoom
- 21 and 28 April Deok Hee on annual leave
- 2nd June Storehouse Sunday @ 10am
- 11th June Worship Task Group @ 7:00pm via Zoom

Want to know what the Storehouse is doing? Here is a link. Type it into your search engine.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1pZl6yzaFvx9q4t3gxOfMieJCh 69BDSSH0y4o8-QB-wc/edit?usp=sharing

Please pray for ...The mission and ministry of our congregation and for our Minister, Deok Hee.

Worship leaders; helpers, leaders, followers The Kogarah Storehouse and its many clients; Lala and staff of the Storehouse.

Dorothy and Godfrey and the work of LACLA.

Nick Hadges and the scripture teaching at JCBTHS and MGHS

The team, parents and children in the Early Learning Centre.

Those who are sick, sad or lonely: We pray especially today for, Brian and Rhonda, Prema and Priya, Jim and Bobbie, Denis and Dolly, Jim Bird, Naghuia, John and Sue and especially John's mother and father; Peter and Sue; Dinah; Robyn; Craig; health care workers at this time, including Richard, Millin and Roseline Goodman and Dorothy Makasa and Elin.

For others whom we name in our hearts.

Pray for the people of Türkiye, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Palestine, especially the people of Gaza, Yemen.

Next Sunday

April 21, 2024, @ 10am Easter 4 – Leading in Love

Leader: Richard Preacher Richard

Deok Hee is on annual leave today and next week. Acts 4:5–12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16–24; John 10:11–18

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