



**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.**

**28<sup>th</sup> September 2025 @ 10am**

**Pentecost 16 - Proper 21**

**Season of Creation 4 – Cosmos**

**Dance to the Cosmic Rhythm**

**Proverbs 8:22–31; Psalm 148; Colossians 1:15–20;**

**John 6:41–51**

**Leader Deok Hee**

**Reflection Deok Hee**

**Holy Communion Deok Hee**



For details and information about our church activities and The Kogarah Storehouse, check out the websites: [kogarah.uca.org.au](http://kogarah.uca.org.au) and <https://www.kogarahstorehouse.org.au/>

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## Scriptures

### **Proverbs 8:22–31**

Divine Wisdom is expressed as a person, present from the beginning of the universe, a witness to the order and breadth of creation, who shares the joy and delight of all that has been brought into being, last though not necessarily least, humans.

### **Psalms 148**

Every part of creation is summoned to praise the One who brought it into being. All are on an equal footing, the elements, the physical world, creatures far and near, irrespective of size, appearance, social standing, age, and gender.

### **Colossians 1:15–20**

The writer of Colossians connects the invisible Divine with the crucified figure of Christ, the energy of the cosmos distilled into the life of a human being, whose death becomes the reconciling event that brings reconciliation to all creation.

### **John 6:41–51**

The place of humanity in the cosmos is one of dependence—on basic and perishable bread for physical existence, and on God for the life that Jesus brings. Jesus is seen as the self-giving one, linking the material world with life beyond.

## Theme Focus

Cosmic Sunday invites us to join the dance of the cosmos; as Wisdom delights in creation's unfolding and Christ extends a hand to hold all things together in reconciliation, we join them in wonder and praise, finding our place in rhythm with them.

## Word for the Day

### Dancing with the Universe

In Proverbs 8, Wisdom speaks as one who was with God 'before the oceans,' delighting in every corner of creation. It's a breathtaking image, not just of a world made for us, but of a world that existed in joy long before we arrived.

Psalms 148 picks up the tune, inviting everything—sun, moon, people, animals, even the weather—to praise God together. This isn't a solo. It's a cosmic choir, where every part matters, no matter how small.

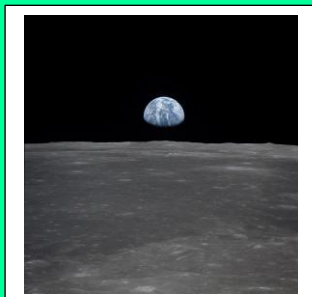
Paul's letter to the Colossians brings it all together in Christ. The same divine Word that formed galaxies and dark matter is made known in Jesus, who holds it all together, who reconciles all things through love, even across the cosmos. Cosmos Sunday asks us to lift our gaze. To look beyond our calendars, our screens, even our worries, and behold the vast mystery of a dancing universe, filled with rhythm and relationship. You are part of that dance. Not the centre, but a cherished partner. Can we live with that kind of wonder? Can we find rhythms in our own lives that reflect the harmony of the stars?

This week, may we move in step with a bigger story, attuned to the pulse of the universe, and the heartbeat of God.

### Ideas for Reflection

Even the heavens are not beyond harm—light and noise dim the night sky, debris orbits the planet—and still the cosmos sings, bearing witness to beauty, to fragility, and God's enduring mystery.

- What does it mean to belong to something as vast as the universe—and still be seen and known by God?
- How does recognising our place in the cosmos change how we live with humility, care, and joy?
- What do the stars and galaxies teach us about time, mystery, and trust?
- Where do we see the cosmos not only inspiring wonder, but also crying out for our attention—in polluted skies, satellite clutter, or climate disruption?
- How might we live in rhythm with the cosmos, as part of a vast and interconnected creation?



**The Earth from the  
Moon**  
**(NASA photo)**



Garden of Peace  
Isaiah 32:14-15

# PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025



**The Milky Way – our galaxy**



**Not stars but galaxies!**



**“Creation cries out in suffering. We acknowledge the urgent call to action, and we acknowledge that we can only respond to it on the basis of faith. The Season of Creation is a source of strength and communion, encouraging us truly ‘to hope and act with creation.’”**

**Rev. Dr Anne Burghardt,  
Lutheran World Federation General Secretary**

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**We are called to be responsible stewards and citizens as we care for and sustain the earth which belongs to the Lord. This is hope in action as we pray and yearn for a better and safer world for all people and creation.  
We each need to do our part for creation care.”**

**Rev. Dr Jerry Pillay, World Council of Churches General Secretary**

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**From the Northern Hemisphere ...**

***Our call to worship: A light landing by Bruce Sanguin***

**Creator Spirit, out of nothingness – no thingness –  
a cosmos of intricate harmony  
and elegant balance emerged.**

**How is that we can walk past butterfly wings –  
our minds filled with weightier matters –  
and not drop to our knees in reverie?**

**In this season of autumn,  
blow us about in the winds of the Spirit,  
that we might catch a ride and land  
on the green leaf of your choosing...**

**There, to do nothing more,  
and nothing less,  
than enjoy the sheer miracle of being.**

Alive, and awake  
to the gift of our existence,  
and the love that fashions butterfly wings.

Help us to rest in this grace. Amen.

(Source: Bruce Sanguin)

Good and Gracious God,  
Source of the evolving Universe,  
Source of all Life,  
All creation is charged with your Divine Energy.

Ignite your Spark within us,  
That we may know ourselves  
As truly human and holy,  
Irrevocably part of the Web of Life.

All creation  
– each star and every flower,  
– each drop of water and every person,  
– each and every atom, down to its very electrons,  
explodes with the revelation  
of your sacred mystery.

Our minds alone cannot fathom such splendor,  
Our hearts can only respond in awe, praise and gratitude.

## **Planning Ahead**

- **September 7 till September 28 – Season of Creation**
- **September 26 – Next Chinese seminar on Ageing organised by Wynne**
- **October 15, 2025 Worship Task Group on ZOOM 7pm**
- **October 16 2025 Kogarah CC meeting in person 7pm**

### **Please pray for ...**

The mission and ministry of our congregation and for our Minister, Deok Hee, and Wynne Cheng as they make links to the Chinese community.

Worship leaders; helpers, leaders, followers The Kogarah Storehouse and its many clients; Lala and staff and volunteers at the Storehouse. Dorothy and Godfrey and the work of LACLA. The team, parents and children in the Early Learning Centre.

Those who are sick, sad or lonely: We pray especially today for Dennis and Robyn Lyons, Rhonda Chamberlain and family; Prema and Priya, Denis and Dolly, Ngahuia, Peter and Sue; Dinah; Ern Edwards; Jim Bird, Cindy, Dorothy and Godfrey, Sue B, Robert & Robyn. For others whom we name in our hearts.

Pray for the people of Syria, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Palestine, especially the people of Gaza and Lebanon. The USA and the countries of Europe. Sudan, Thailand, Cambodia

## Next Sunday

5<sup>th</sup> October 2025 @ 10am

Pentecost 17 - Proper 22

### Season of Creation 5 – The Feast of St Francis

Proverbs 8:22–31; Psalm 148; Colossians 1:15–20;

John 6:41–51

Leader Richard

Reflection Deok Hee

Psalm 148:7-14 or Psalm 121; Galatians 6:14-18; Matthew 11: 25-30

RCL for today: Lamentations 1:1–6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1–14; Luke  
17:5–10



### Church Council 2025-2026

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