

## *UnitingWorld: Celebrating Solidarity*



*Today's service is a celebration of the work of UnitingWorld, the national agency of Uniting Church responding to aid and development with vulnerable communities around the world. See links below to a number of short videos including a reflection from the President of the Uniting Church in Australia, Dr Deidre Palmer.*

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### Readings

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**Reading: 1 John 4:16b-21** (Julia Szulerowski)

<sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world.

<sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

**Reading: Luke 4:14-21** (Julia Szulerowski)

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Hear what God's Spirit is saying to the church.

***Thanks be to God***

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## Reflection

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**Video - We See Joy:** <https://vimeo.com/486165085>

**Reflection - Dr Deidre Palmer:** <https://vimeo.com/519326140>

*Today's reflection is brought to us by Dr Deidre Palmer, President of the UCA.*

**Call To Action - video - Good News People:** <https://vimeo.com/512727818>

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