

Love & Acceptance



St Aidan's Uniting Church
7th July 2024

Call to Worship

God calls us into community,
to love and be loved,
to share in joys and sorrows.

As we gather,
let us worship God.

Prayers

God of all people,
forgive us the times
we have been the cause
of others experiencing rejection:
when we are hard or judgemental,
when we focus inwards instead of outwards
when we seek to meet our social wants
rather than the social needs of other people.

Help us to look more broadly,
to show your love more fully,
to be more welcoming and accepting,
especially of those who are different.

Forgive us, loving God,
when we respond to our rejection
with anger and attack
rather than recognising human nature
and moving onward.

Help us to look more broadly,
to show your love more fully,
to be more welcoming and accepting,
especially of those who are different.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

God, experienced in the Trinity,

has relationship at the core of God's being seeking us out to restore that relationship.

Know that when you confess with your heart, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Intercession: Hymn 697

Benediction & Blessing

We are sent out
as the community of Christ;
as a community of love
sharing God's love and hope
regardless of the way
that love and hope is received.

And as you go, may you always know:
the love of God surrounds you,
Christ, the companion, walks with you,
and the Spirit leads you on the dance of life.