



**Uniting
Church**
Boronia Park
Congregation

Joyful People + Christ's Love

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The church building front (Photo by Seung Jae Yeon)

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES (Wherever you are):

Worship resources and all the safety updates are available on our website

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BORONIA PARK UNITING CHURCH

Readings and Prayers for weekly spiritual practice

Day	Bible Readings	Local Churches' Prayer Cycle	World Cycle of Prayer
4 October Pentecost 18	Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20 Psalm 19 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46	Anglican Parish of Hunters Hill - All Saints and St. Mark's	Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama
11 October Pentecost 19	Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	Uniting Church congregations, faith communities, chaplains* in the City of Ryde Zone	Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico
18 October Pentecost 20	Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22	Villa Maria Holy Name of Mary and St. Peter Chanel	The Caribbean [^]
25 October Pentecost 21	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46	Hunters Hill Congregational Church	Canada, United States
1 November All Saints Day	Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12	St Charles Borromeo and Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish	Oceania [#]

* Epping and Sam Il Korean, Eastwood, Macquarie University Chaplaincy, Wesley Mission Macquarie Campus, Marsden Road Carlingford, UNITING chaplain and pastoral practitioner at Arrunga and Thomas Bowden village, Ryde, North Ryde Community, One Heart Sydney and Boronia Park.

[^] Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Kitts- Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago

[#] French Polynesia, Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 October: The church office is open between 10 am and 12pm. Minister will be attending the office, welcoming you if you need prayer or simply talk. Also, your donation for the emergency aid of Sydney Community Services will be received.

Tuesday 27 October, 10-12pm: You are more than welcome to join the monthly morning gathering with coffee/tea. It is a great opportunity that you may come and meet with people of the congregation over drinking coffee/tea together. Let your elder know if you intend to join.

Church On-line Worship Roster

** All elders are on duty of pastoral care service for your need.*

Date	Lead	Bible Reading	Kid's Talk / Grown-ups'	Prayers of the People
11 October	Seung Jae Yeon	Elaine Wallbank	School Holiday	Robyn Harvey
18 October	Anti Poverty Week Seung Jae Yeon	Jean Boyd	School Holiday	Jenny Keast
25 October	Alan Keast	Justin Han	Gaby Lyons	Barnabas Joo
1 November	Communion Seung Jae Yeon	Jenny Keast	Rosemary Brook	Isabella Lee
8 November	Robyn Harvey	Christy Kim	Alan Keast	Phoebe Kim
15 November	Youth Full Seung Jae Yeon	BPYG	BPYG (Grown-ups')	BPYG
22 November	Seung Jae Yeon	Alan Keast	Jenny Keast	Justin Han

Church Activities & Events are ALL suspended until further notice.

Prayer Requests

Elders and the minister will continue holding all the members and their family near and far. If you want them to pray for your current circumstances and issues, please let them know. All information you share with is confidential.

- * For those who works at the frontline in order to reduce the curve of COVID-19 pandemic and to develop vaccine and anti-virus medication in Australian and around the world.
- * For those who are suffering from the disease, caring for their family member in hospital or being self-isolated at home.
- * For those who have lost job or been depressed by being isolated.

A way to seek God willing: Seung Jae's day walk along the Great Northern Walk (GNW) – Part 2

Anyway, I must start. For a day's walk or a long journey, I must take one step for it. I got up and then ready for the first step of this long walk from Sydney to New Castle. It would be like awakening my true self who desperately look to something in this time of challenge and change. There were a few minutes in hesitating, but I opened the front door and then left my comfort zone, home.

M52 the bus that commutes people between the Town and Parramatta was quite empty in that early morning. Nervously I searched from the map where I start the walk. I knew myself so it worried me that GNW is such a long way for walking and requires me a huge commitment between my everyday routine. When I got the starting point monument of GNW, it was still early in a crispy winter dawn. Ok, let's go.



After taking some photos of myself, I went to get a ferry from Circular Quay to Woolwich. (Note that there was an alternate stop at Clarke Point due to the upgrade of the Woolwich wharf.) It covered almost 7 km of the day's walk, so I

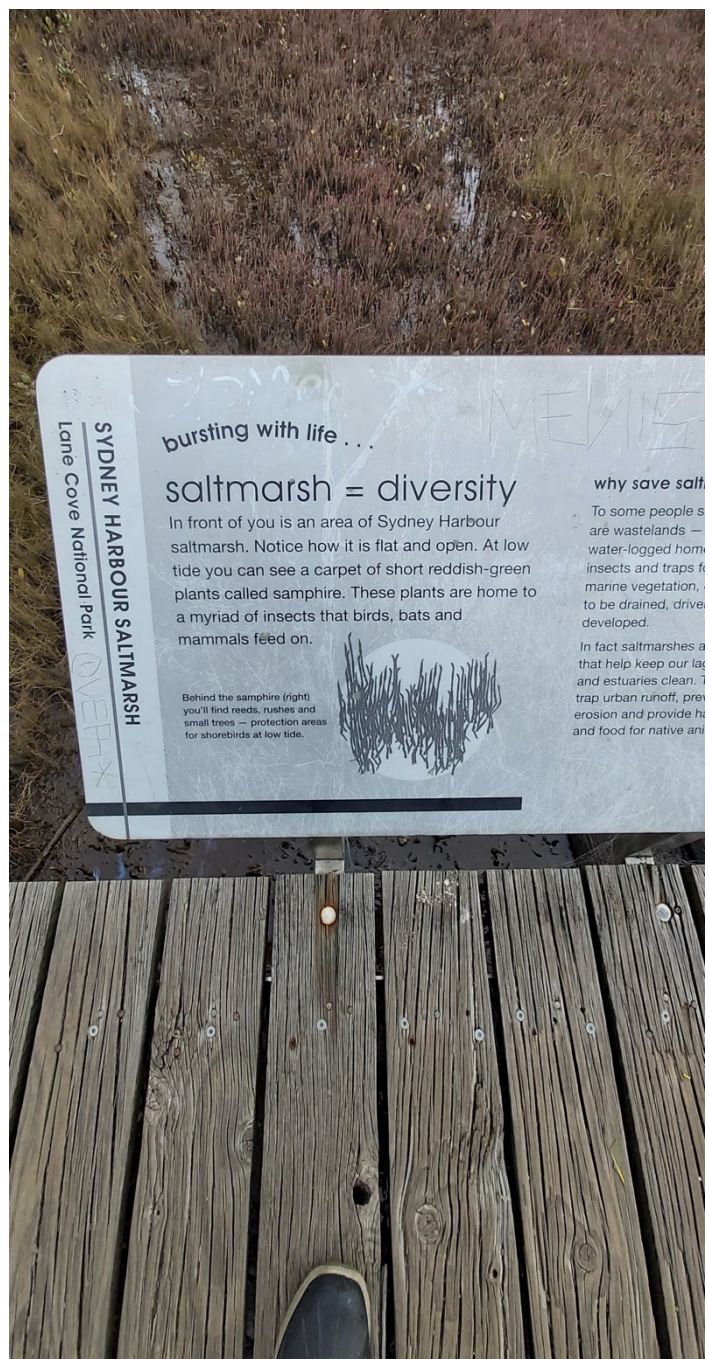
was able to relax for a while. For a while to enjoy the trip, the ferry docked at the wharf and the rest of walk began. From there, I had a worry about how I sensibly follow the posts that tells me where I go next. But every corner or crossroad, there is the post exactly telling me 'you are so far going well'. I, as a sole walker felt a bit alone which I enjoyed but sometime wanted a fellow walker with me. I could say hello to people I met on the road but again passed. No one with me. The posts were only my fellow guidance who might protect and assist me on the way.



I found many places where I usually missed because of driving car. Small streets, back streets, paths near the river or between buildings in Hunters Hill. I thought I knew the area well but absolutely not. My Knowledge and understanding of the local area is very limited that I felt I lost my way somewhere. But the posts

again appeared and indicated my way forward. That made me confident and strong. Then I arrived near the Boronia Park on Ryde Road which was the end of first 14 km walk from the Town to Boronia Park. I decided to have a brief break for the next.

Next routine from Boronia Park to North Ryde was quite rough and tough than the first one. It was almost like a bush walking track along Lane Cove River. I recalled there was no one between Buffalo Creek and Magdala Park. I leaned



on the posts more seeking nature's energy and help for me to continue my way. Again, there were many spots which do not look like I am in Sydney. Yes, I was confused and felt isolated there. The experience got me inspired to imagine where I am in my faith journey this life. In this pandemic where I seemed to get lost my way in ministry and personal life, there is a sacred and holy place where I might dwell – a God of travellers who may be there with them always like the post and energy from the nature. I could not see and the One be there already to see with compassion for me, for you and for many. The prodigal son's parable came to me eventually.

So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him...” (Luke 15:20, NIV)



The heart of God, the love of Jesus and the Spirit's fellowship are always with us no matter what chapter in life we read and live. I was able to feel God's company on my first day of GNW so I hope, you may feel the same. It is possible to feel the same thing because we are all connected though we are physically distanced. We cannot meet often and worship God together in one same place but we now continue our journey with God who is always there seeing us with



his great compassion for us all. So we go now. I believe that Jesus keeps inviting us to walk with Him and then continue the journey along the path where He waits for us. Let us walk together in Him and find God willing.

Thanks be to God.

Seung Jae Yeon