

2 SAMUEL 6:1-5, 12b-19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fattening. David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven

and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

MARK 6:14-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptiser has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptiser." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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SUNDAY JULY 14, 2024



Morning Worship: Roster

	14 th July 2024	21 st July 2024
Leader	Rev Jean Shannon	Rev Jean Shannon & Ailsa Liffman
Music	Corinne Nicolson	Rosemary Akesson
Entry of Bible	Robyn Herdegen	Iris Ballard
Acknowledgement of Country	Ailsa Liffman	Geoff Burton
Stewards	Joan & Royce Lovett	Anne Olinsky & Ailsa Liffman
Reader	Ailsa Liffman	Beryl McGrath
Pastoral Prayer	Ailsa Liffman	Iris Ballard
Morning Tea	Iris Ballard & Meryll Davey	Robin & Bob Unger
Projection	Jeff Haynes	Jeff Haynes
Flowers	Robyn Herdegen	Ailsa Liffman
Lectionary	2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19 Ephesians 1: 3-14 Mark 6: 14-29	2 Samuel 7: 1-14a Ephesians 2: 11-22 Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

Regular Activities

Morning Worship: 1st, 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday/month: - 10am

Holy Communion: 3rd Sunday/month - 10am and 2:30pm at Wyndham

Imlay House Service: 2:00pm, 3rd Thursday of the month - helpers would be appreciated - see Rev Jean.

Tura Beach Op Shop: Open Monday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Uniting Church Tai Chi 108: Thursday 10-11am in the hall. Contact Shirley

Uniting Church Dance Group: Tuesday evenings at 7 pm and Friday mornings at 9 am Contact Pam Jordan 0475 191 923 for details.

'Blokes United' Coffee Morning - 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday each month - 10am at MorMors

Church Bring-and-Share Brunch - 1st Sunday/month (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec.)

Robyn Herdegen - 14th
Maureen Morrison - 19th



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Imlay House Service: 2:00pm, Thursday, 18th - helpers would be appreciated - see Rev Jean.

DISCIPLESHIP THOUGHT

There are times when the biblical accounts are so full of violence that we find it hard to believe humans can perpetrate such cruelty against one another. The murder of John the baptiser must rank amongst the most horrible. The capriciousness of Herod's daughter, who so lightly treats the life of another without a whim and the indulgence of Herod toward her, underscoring his weakness of character, stand in sharp contrast to the faithfulness and courage of John, who had been a true prophet to the king. Hard as it may be to read an account of such brutality, we cannot help but wonder if it is not a part of our human condition. In a world where innocent schoolchildren are kidnapped and held for ransom, or villagers are murdered for a cause, or the needs of impoverished communities are ignored, we know full well that the same violence and disregard for justice lurk too near at hand.

A friend is someone who is there for you when they'd rather be somewhere else.

Anon

To the world you may be just one person, but to one person you may be the world.

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