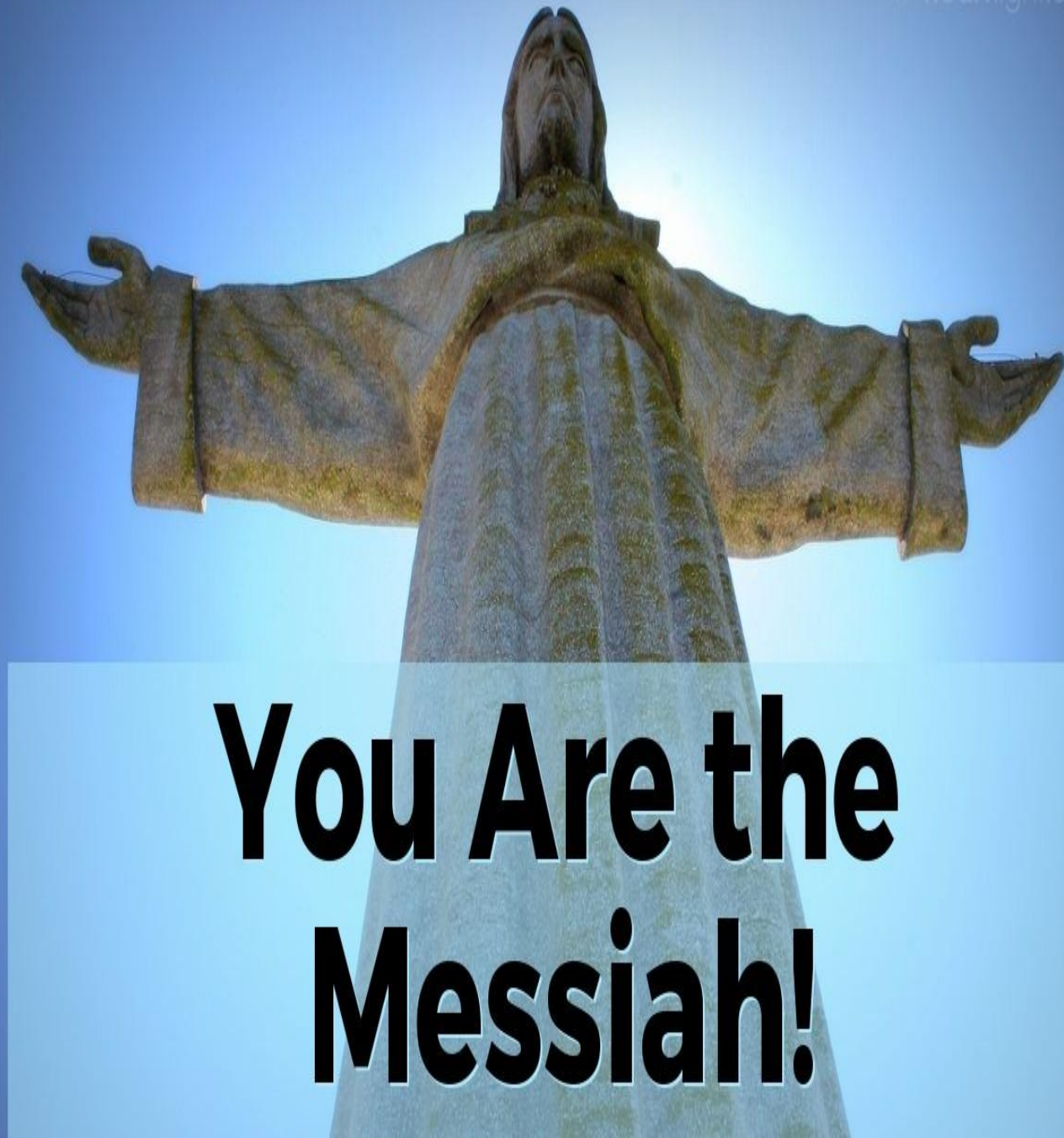


Ballarat Central Uniting Church

*Pentecost 13
Sunday 23rd August
2026*

**You Are the
Messiah!**

**“Rock
Moments!”**



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**PROCLAMATION
OF THE WORD**

**“Rock
Moments!”**

MATTHEW 16

MATTHEW 16:5-12 - *Beware of the teachings of the Pharisees and Sadducees!*

MATTHEW 16:13-20 – *Peter's declaration: “You are the Messiah ... Son of the living God!”*

MATTHEW 16:21-23 – *Jesus foretells his death and resurrection! Peter became a hinderance!*

A blurred background image showing a crowd of people with their hands raised in a gesture of praise or prayer. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark blue filter. The text "Who do people say.." is centered in the upper half of the image in a white, sans-serif font. Below it, the text "The Son of Man is?" is also centered in the same font, but slightly smaller and positioned lower down.

Who do people say..

The Son of Man is?

*"But who do
You
say that I am?"*

Luke 9:20

Jesus asked them,
“who do you say that I am?”
Simon Peter answered,

**“You are the
Messiah, the Son
of the living
God!”**

Matthew 16:15-16

ROCK MOMENTS

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.

¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

(Matthew 16:16-18)

WHO/WHAT IS THE ROCK?

1. Petrine Person View (Roman Catholic):

the rock = Peter =
unique,
office. P

2. Petrine Confession View (most conservative

the rock =
revealed
at Jesus
of God.

**ROCK MOMENTS =
Peter, Peter's
Confession, God-
Jesus Christ!**

3. Ch Augustine

ces like
Christ

Himself.

ROCK MOMENTS

**17 But the midwives feared God;
they did not do as the king of
Egypt commanded them, but
they let the boys live.**

(Exodus 1:17)

ROCK MOMENTS:

**Knowing God in the midst of
joys and troubles!**

ROCK MOMENTS

² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God— what is good and acceptable and perfect. (*Romans 12:2*)

Knowing God in the World!

OUR ROCK MOMENTS



But who do

**CHURCH = People, Confession -
Declaration, God – Father, Jesus, Spirit**

“Us”, “Our Declaration”, “Jesus Christ”

Worship Services as Rock Moments!

BCUC ROCK MOMENTS

- **We need/value people ...**
- **Declaring God's gospel in words and deeds! Pastoral caring of all people ...**
- **Focus on Jesus Christ, the Messiah (Triune God) ...**