



**Ballarat Central
Uniting Congregation**
13th September 2026
Season of Creation 2
“Land Sunday!”

LAND: A Wonderful Place!



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12



PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD:

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LAND: A wonderful place!

- **Land, are we hurting you?**
- **How are we hurting you today?**
- **What goods and evils are we doing to you?**
- **Land, how do you experience God's grace?**
- **Land, what is sacred to you?**
- **Land, what do you want from God and from us today?**

LAND: A Character/Creature!



LANDFORMS



Volcano



Hills



Island



Canyon



Desert



Ocean



River



Jungle



Mountains



Marshes



Waterfall



Plain

LAND CHALLENGES IN THE WORLD

- The world is facing a multitude of land related challenges, including territorial disputes, land use crises, and the need for sustainable land management.
- Here are some of the key issues:
- Territorial Disputes: Conflicts over land ownership and control ... *Israel, Ukraine ...*

- Land Use Crises: The global land crunch is driven by increasing demand for land for farming, climate change mitigation, and other essential uses, leading to competition and environmental degradation.

- Land Tenure and Governance: The ownership and use rights of land are not formally documented in many parts of the world, leading to insecurity and the potential loss of land and housing rights.

- Sustainable Land Management: The FAO's work on land, soil, and water resources emphasizes the need for integrated approaches to manage these resources sustainably, contributing to food security, nutrition, and healthy ecosystems.

(FAO – Food and Agriculture Organization)

- These issues are interconnected and require international cooperation and policy changes to address the challenges of land use and tenure.



Genesis 4:10-12 – Land Cries!

¹⁰ And the LORD said, “What have you done? Listen, your brother’s blood is crying out to me from the ground! ¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹² When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.”

Psalm 139 – God is Everywhere!

Where can I go to escape your spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there.

If I make my bed in Sheol (*realm of the dead*) you are there.

Response:

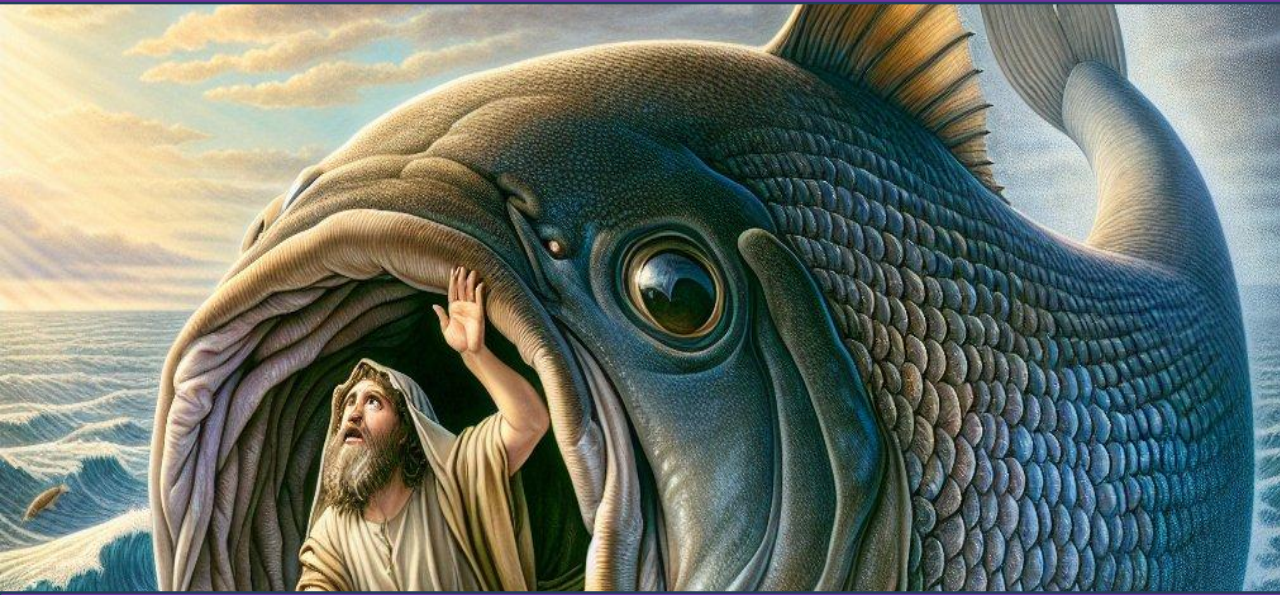
Search me O Lord and know me!

And guide me in the right way.

Romans 5:17 – Abundant grace on Land!

17 If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

LAND: A Place for Resurrection!



⁴⁰ For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so for three days and three nights the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth. *(Mt 12:40)*

LAND: What could we do?

