



# Wesley Wellington

75 Taranaki Street

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**Sunday 17 October 2021**

**Pentecost 21**

*Haere mai ki tēnei Whare Karakia*

*Welcome to this House of Prayer*



**We are a multi-racial Christian community:  
Methodist in affiliation - Ecumenical in intention  
Diverse in theology - Inclusive in outreach.**

**Kia ora koutou kātoa—Talofa Lava  
Malo e lelei—Bula Vinaka  
Greetings to you all!**

## Order of Service

Wesley Methodist Church 75 Taranaki Street  
10am Congregation  
17 October 2021 Pentecost 21  
Leader: Rev. Tavake Manu  
Organist: Colin Scarf.

*Guard your thoughts because they become your words.  
Guard your words because they become your actions.  
Guard your actions because they become your character.  
And guard your character. Why?  
Because it determines your destiny!*

Rev Tavake Manu

**WELCOME** Introduction & Safety Briefing

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Please stand

Leader:

Grace to you and peace  
from him who is  
and who was  
and who is to come. (Revelation 1:4)

All:

*Noble God, King of kings, Prince of peace, The floods have lifted up their voice, yet you are more majestic than the waves of the sea. Your throne is the foundations of the earth, your crown the stars of the universe. I long to hear your voice – the voice of truth and grace. Let me find it in Christ, and live in dignity and freedom, to honour him. Amen.*

**HYMN** All things bright and beautiful **H&P 330**

**Chorus** *All things bright and beautiful all creatures great and small  
All things wise and wonderful the Lord God made them all*

1. Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings  
He made their glowing colours,  
He made their tiny wings.

**Chorus**

2. The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden  
He made them every one.

**Chorus**

3. The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset and the morning  
That brightens up the sky

**Chorus**

4. He gave us eyes to see them  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.

**Chorus**

**READING Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c** Melina

*Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honour and majesty. Wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent. You set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, You ride on the wings of the wind. You make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight. They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them. You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Praise the LORD!*

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

**Leader:** In our times of freedom, be present with us, Holy Spirit of God. In our times of responsibility, be clearly by our side, Jesus Christ. In our times of aloneness in the face of life and its decisions, hold us in your loving arms, O God.

**All: As we gather here, we stand within all these times, Holy God, so please show us that you are near to us now. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Leader:** Confession and Absolution,

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a Second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

**All:**

**Lord, have mercy**

**Christ, have mercy**

**Lord, have mercy**

**Leader:** Let us bring our sins before the one true God, in penitence and faith.

**All: Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.**

**Father, forgive us.**

**Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Leader:** Almighty God, Who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**All: Forgive us and restore us, heal us and call us into life. Amen.**

**All: The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come;  
Your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
As we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
And deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory  
Are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

**READING Job 38:1-7, (34-41) Melina**

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements--surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone. When the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightning's, so that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'? Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the water skins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and

the clods cling together? “Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?

**HYMN: O God our help in ages past**

**H&P 358**

1. O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home:
2. Under the shadow of thy throne,  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting thou art God,  
To endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away; they fly,  
forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.
6. O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guide while troubles last,  
And our eternal home!

**READING Mark 10:35-45**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.”

Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "you know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

## Sermon

### **HYMN      He came singing love**

### **Alleluia Aotearoa 59**

He came singing love  
and he lived singing love;  
he died singing love.  
He arose in silence.  
For the love to go on  
we must make it our song:  
you and I be the singers.

He came singing faith  
and he lived singing faith;  
he died singing faith.  
He arose in silence.  
For the faith to go on  
we must make it our song:  
you and I be the singers.

He came singing hope  
and he lived singing hope;  
he died singing hope.  
He arose in silence.  
For the hope to go on  
we must make it our song:  
you and I be the singers.

He came singing peace  
and he lived singing peace;  
he died singing peace.  
He arose in silence.  
For the peace to go on  
we must make it our song:  
you and I be the singers.

**OFFERINGS:**

Let us bring our gifts to God, gifts which may arise even from those whose faith is sometimes small and weak.

**Offertory prayer:**

Receive our gifts, O God. We bring them in hope as those who have glimpsed your risen life within our own lives and around us as a vision for a new world transformed by your faithfulness to us all. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION****Daphne**

We pray for one another, for our families and friends and all those through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbours and our community, loving others, as he loves us.

***Silence***

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them.

***Silence***

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of these islands. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and all leaders of the nations.

***Silence***

We pray for your church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name will also reflect your glory.

***Silence***

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

***Silence***

Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Receive the prayers of your people.

**Amen**

When we walk with the Lord, In the light of his word  
What a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will,  
He abides with us still  
And with all who will trust and obey

**Chorus**

*Trust and Obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus,  
But to trust and obey.*

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
But our toil He doth richly repay;  
Not a grief nor a loss,  
Not a frown nor a cross,  
But is blessed if we trust and obey.

**Chorus**

But we never can prove, the delights of his love,  
Until all in the altar we lay;  
For the favour he shows,  
for the joy He bestows  
Are for them who will trust and obey

**Chorus**

Then in fellowship sweet, we will sit at His feet.  
Or we'll walk by His side in the way.  
What He says we will do,  
Where He sends we will go;  
Never fear, only trust and obey.

**Chorus**

**Benediction**

May the God who shapes heaven and earth  
Whom death could not contain and who lives to both disturb and heal us,  
Bless us with the power to go forth in faith, hope and love.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all, now and forever. Amen

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