



WESLEY WELLINGTON
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Sunday 21st August 2022 – Pentecost 11

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 katoa — Talofa Lava
Malo e lelei — Bula Vinaka Greetings to you all!**

**Order of Service - 10am Congregation
21st August 2022 Pentecost II**

**Leader: Rev Nicola Teague Grundy
Organist: Vivien Chiu**

WELCOME AND SAFETY BRIEFING – Hugh Laurenson

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

All who are bent over with worry:
this is a place of sanctuary.

All who are burdened with life:
this is a house of care.

All who are lost to community:
this is a company of welcome.

All who travel with questions:
this is a community of seekers.

All who reach out for God:
this is a sacred space of worship.

Come, let us worship.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

The candle is lit

This is the light that is lit for everyone who comes into the world.

Bear this light to others, one by one.

Let the flame go from life to life

Till all is lit with its warmth.

HYMN: Our life has its seasons [AA 113]

Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons
why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow,
for there's a connection with our resurrection
that flowers will bud after frost and snow,

*So there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*

There's a time to be planting,
a time to be plucking,
a time to be laughing,
a time to weep,
a time to be building,
a time to be breaking,
a time to be waking,
a time to sleep,

but there's never a time ...

There's a time to be hurting,
a time to be healing,
a time to be saving,
a time to spend,
a time to be grieving,
a time to be dancing,
a time for beginning,
a time to end,

but there's never a time ...

PRAYERS OF WHO WE ARE

God-with-us,
we come as people who know the burdens that life brings,
as those who know the need for healing – in body, mind and spirit.
We have gathered with a sense of the sacredness of this space,
aware of your presence flowing from one person to another.
We come with our wounds wide open,
with our defences down,
calling to you as did so many who approached Jesus,
saying “Heal me, help me, touch me!”
We work hard at being happy, at coping,
at surviving, at holding on,
but we have come here hoping to let go
and to open ourselves to Christ’s healing flow.

A silence is kept for personal reflection

Touch our lives, our God, as we worship here today,
and cast your sunlight through our tears till rainbows rise,
and plant dreams where wounds leave scars
like furrows in broken ground,
rekindling our hope, reviving our strength,
refreshing our faith.
May it be so. Amen.

STORY TIME - UNBENDING

PRAYER

We pray:
God of the important and the common place,
you reach into our lives through story.

Open our hearts to be attentive:
That seeing, we may perceive,
And hearing, we may understand,
And understanding, we may act.
May it be so. Amen.

HYMN: Love Grow Within Us

1. Wherever we are,
wherever we go,
open our eyes,
open our hearts.

Refrain

Love grow within us,
joined in our prayers.
Spark of the Spirit,
plenty to share.

2. Help us to see
the world as it could be,
a place where we all
stand tall and free.
3. What does love ask,
what will we do?
You showed us your way,
help us follow you.

Words & Music: Philip Garside

MINISTRY OF THE WORD – Alan Dine

May we open ourselves to the seeds of wisdom
that lies dormant in this reading.

**And may our minds be fertile soil
in which it may grow strong and true.**

Luke 13: 10-17 [NRSV]

Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.
And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit
that had crippled her for 18 years.

She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.

When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said,
'Woman, you are set free from your ailment'.

When he laid his hands on her, immediately
she stood up straight and began praising God.

But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus
had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd,
'There are six days on which work ought to be done;
come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day'.

But Jesus said in response,
'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath
untie his ox or his donkey from the manger,
and lead it away to give it water?

'And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham
whom Satan bound for 18 long years,
be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?'

At this response, all Jesus' opponents were put to shame.
And the entire crowd was rejoicing
at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

REFLECTION

HYMN: God of the Bible [FFS 25]

1. God of the bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.

Refrain

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change. (repeat)

2. God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empower us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.
3. Those without status, treated as nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights.
4. Not by your finger, not by your anger
will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way.
5. Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly, one to the other,
till our world changes, facing the Cross.

Words: Shirley Murray, Music: Colin Gibson

OFFERING

**May our actions be blessed through what we have been moved to share.
And may our love and concern for others be increased.**

COMMUNITY TIME

Sharing the Peace

May a heart of peace rest with you.
And also, with you.

Notices – Hugh Laurenson

Sharing our Joys, Things we are Grateful for, Sorrows and Concerns

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

Living, liberating God,
we give you thanks that you come to free us from all
that binds and restricts us.

We pray for the peoples of the world:
we pray for those weighed down by oppression,
tyranny and hardship,

for those bent low under the weight of
unrelenting daily toil.

Lay our hands on these your children, that they
may be freed from their burdens and take their
rightful places in the world.

Loving God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Living, liberating God,
we give you thanks that you come to free us from
the bondage of loveless legalism.

We pray for your church throughout the world:
we pray that we may be open to your spirit of truth;
 that we may be brave to proclaim your gospel.
Lay your hands on us, that we may sing your praise
and people rejoice at your wonderful deeds.
Loving God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Living, liberating God,
we give you thanks that you set us free to live by the
law of love.

We pray for all whom we love and for those we
meet in our daily lives:

we pray for those exhausted by responsibilities
beyond their strength,

 for those shamed by circumstances
 beyond their control.

Lay your hands on these your children, that they
may be enabled to live complete and fulfilling lives.

Loving God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Living, liberating God,
we give you thanks that you come to us bringing
compassion and healing for those who suffer.

We pray for all in need of your consolation:

we pray for those heavy-hearted with grief and despair,
 for those crippled by pain and anguish.

Lay your hands on these your children, that they
may feel your loving presence and find healing and wholeness.

Loving God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Living, liberating God,
we give you thanks that you come to us to free us
from the bondage of death.
We remember those who have died who now live in
your eternal presence:
those from this parish who have gone before us,
and all those whom we have loved.
Lay your hands on us and transform our lives by
your touch, that we may come with all you saints to
the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God.
Loving God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tou Ingoa
Kia tae mai tou rangatira-tanga.
Kia meatia tau e pai ai
ki runga i te whenua,
kia rite ano ki to te rangi.
Homai ki a mātou aianeī
he taro mā mātou mo tēnei ra.
Murua o mātou hara
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i o te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whaka-waia;
Engari whaka-orangia mātou, i te kino:
Nou hoki te rangatira-tanga,
te kaha,
me te kororia,
Ake, ake, ake.
Āmine.

HYMN: God of our Every Day [AA 52]

God of our every day,
friend who will walk our way,
light who can change the
focus of our seeing:
capture our heart and mind,
be in the work we find,
till all we do becomes
your mode of being.

Speak to the spirit's void,
hands that are unemployed,
lives that are lived without
a true direction:
gifts that are hid, unearth,
lift us to know our worth
that in ourselves we see
your own reflection.

Shine through our winter's grey,
break through depression's day,
live in the little deaths
we die in growing:
meaning for whom we grope,
home of our strongest hope,
power and peace, through all
creation flowing.

PARTING WORDS

Time has now come for us to leave this sacred place.
As we do, may we embrace the challenge of our lives and our world.

The candle is extinguished

As we leave this place of worship and celebration:

May we remember that each day
Offers more things than we can do.
**May we do what needs to be done,
Postpone what does not,
and be at peace with what we can be and do.**

Therefore, may we learn to separate
that which matters most
and that which matters least of all.

Words of Blessing

And now may the blessings of life be upon us all.
May the memories we gather here give us hope for the future.
May the love that we share bring strength and joy to our hearts,
And the peace of this community be with us until we meet again.
Amen.

Grace *(said together)*

**Kia tau ki a tātou katoa,
te atawhai o to tātou Ariki o Ihu Karaiti,
me te aroha o te Atua,
me te whiwhinga tahitanga
ki te Wairua Tapu. Amine**

Please join us in the new hall for morning tea following the service. We thank and the Samoan congregation for the lovely flowers.

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