



Wesley Wellington

75 Taranaki Street

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Sunday 24th April 2022

Café Church

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
Wesley Methodist Church 75 Taranaki Street
24th April 2022**

Worship Leader: Nicola Teague Grundy
Presenter: Norbert Nziramasanga

Coffee and chat – looking in wonder

Welcome and safety briefing

Gathering

And God spoke:

“Let us make human beings in our image,
make them reflecting our nature
so they can be responsible for the fish in the sea,
the birds in the air, the cattle,
and, yes, Earth itself,
and every animal that moves on the face of Earth.”

And God blessed us saying:

**“Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge!
Be responsible for fish in the sea
and birds in the air,
for every living thing
that moves on the face of Earth.”**

And we did take charge, and we did prosper,
and we did reproduce.

But we failed to be responsible.

Let us approach God in humility to worship and reconnect,
to grieve and hope,
to acknowledge and change.

Looking into the Bible - Genesis 1: 1-10 [The Message]

First this: God created the Heavens and Earth—all you see, all you don't see. Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness. God's Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss.

God spoke: "Light!"
And light appeared.
God saw that light was good
and separated light from dark.
God named the light Day,
he named the dark Night.
It was evening, it was morning—

Day One.

God spoke: "Sky! In the middle of the waters;
separate water from water!"
God made sky.
He separated the water under sky
from the water above sky.
And there it was:
he named sky the Heavens;
It was evening, it was morning—

Day Two.

God spoke: "Separate!
Water-beneath-Heaven, gather into one place;
Land, appear!"
And there it was.
God named the land Earth.
He named the pooled water Ocean.
God saw that it was good.

Hymn: Touch the earth lightly

Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:

gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

We who endanger,
who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster
clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

God of all living,
God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,
Christ re-connect us,
using us gently and making us one.

Words: Shirley Murray, Music Colin Gibson

Story

Prayer of adoration

God of creation and joy,
in whose world we find ourselves overwhelmed
by the diversity and wonder,
we approach you as your kin,
part of your creation,
intimately linked with all we see around us
and knowing that our future
is tied to the future of this planet.
The great storytellers of the past
reflected on your spirit of creativity,
day by day,

seeing that it was good, very good,
and we rest ourselves in that same knowledge:
that we are also part of that story.
May we take up the responsibilities
with which you have blessed us,
and in the living out of those responsibilities
glorify your creative urgency
for the sake of all.
Amen.

10am Singing Group

Introduction

Reflection – Norbert Nziramasanga

Conversations

Prayers of Intercession

God of abundant life,
we see your goodness all around us
and we thank you for every part of it:
from the plants and animals which play
their part in complex ecosystems,
to the dry deserts and stormy seas which test the limits of life.
We pray that in this time of climate crisis and ecological emergency,
you may help us to rediscover
your love of creation and to reflect that in our own lives.
God, in Your mercy
hear our prayer.

God who speaks through unexpected people,
We thank you for contemporary prophets
who are challenging us to act on climate justice;
for indigenous people and their invaluable knowledge
of the land and sea where they live,
for scientists dedicating their careers to warning us
about changes to the planet,
and for young people striking for their future.
We pray that you will help those in power

to hear their prophetic voices.
Help them to see beyond short-term political priorities
and business plans.
Give them wisdom and courage when they face difficult decisions.
God, in Your mercy
hear our prayer.

God of second chances,
we recognise the damage we have done to the Earth
and the injustice we see in society every day,
fueled by worship of profit and possessions.
We pray for the coming of a better world
with justice, kindness and humility at its heart.
We ask that you guide us to be co-creators of this new world.
Give us confidence to follow the prophetic voices,
to stand against injustice to people and to planet.
So that together, in your strength,
we stop this climate crisis.
God, in Your mercy
hear our prayer.

The 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.**

Offering and blessing of Offerings (Rev Nicola Teague Grundy)
(Please leave your offering in the bag provided at the back of the church after the service. We also acknowledge offerings made by automatic payment and online banking.)

Invitation

What a joy it is to share these gifts that God has given with one another in the life of this community and beyond. In this offering, we return to God a token of our wealth in gratitude for what we have received. Our gifts will be received at this time.

Blessing of Offering

Eternal One, source of all Living, we joyfully offer our monetary gifts and our time. May our financial gifts and our very lives be a blessing to this church, to our community and to your world.

Hymn: What does our God require of us

What does our God require of us
but to do justly,
love mercy
and humbly walk with God.

What does the earth require of us
but to share oneness,
give nurture
and reverence all of life.

What do the people seek with us
but to gain justice,
share caring
and be at one with Earth.

Come let us sing the song of God
as we seek justice,
find stillness,
and treasure Earth with God.

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Community Time

Notices

Sharing Joys and Sorrows

Blessing

May God bless us with wonder at creation's glory.
May God bless us with fury at creation's spoiling.
May God bless us with courage at this critical hour.
And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Rest upon us and on all creation,
This day and for the future to come. Amen.

Grace (*we say the grace 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**

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