



WESLEY WELLINGTON
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Sunday 24th July 2022 – Pentecost 7

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
24th July 2022 Pentecost 7**

**Leader: Rev Nicola Teague Grundy
Organist: Colin Scarf**

Welcome and Introduction -

Call to Worship – Tauamiti Heger

Let us gather in celebration and community.
It is good to be here.

Let us also pay deep attention to the world around us:
we are present with our eyes,
...to hear the sounds of creation
we are present with our ears,
...to feel the pain of our fellow people
we are present with our hearts,
...to smell the banquet of abundant life
we are present with our lives.

Lighting the Candle - Tauamiti Heger

Let the light we kindle go before us,
strong in hope, wide in good will,
inviting the day to come.
The candle is lit

We say together ...

**May we open ourselves to the wonder of life.
In all our joys and in all our concerns,
May we be ever mindful
of the presentness of the sacred among us,
and see the new possibilities of the now.**

Opening Prayer

Hymn: **Natures Beauty** (Tune: 'Regent Square')

Nature knows her sounds and movements
Heard and seen each day and night;
All her life in rich abundance
Fills my heart with great delight;
Celebrate with adoration;
Thankful for the world so bright.

Fearsome winds cause trees to whimper;
Storms can force the clouds to cry;
Raindrops, snowflakes dance together;
Sun and moon wink in reply;
Celebrate with adoration
All the wonders of the sky.

Celebrate all hidden textures;
Value all the roots below;
Celebrate all covered splendour;
Value beauty not on show;
Celebrate with adoration;
Thankful for the world we know.

Creatures bold and creatures timid
Offer beauty, each unique;
Trees and flowers paint a picture
On the plain and mountain peak;
Celebrate with adoration;
All revealed for those who seek.

We are blest with such profusion;
Beauty bursts out everywhere;
If we take the time to ponder
We may find a thankful prayer;
Celebrate with adoration
Thankful for the world we share.

George Stuart

Prayer of Approach and Confession

We are invited to pray – all who have hurt someone else, and all who have been hurt by another.

We are called to pray: for hope, for healing, for mercy.

We pray to the One who seeks to make us whole; whose will it is, is to restore us to new life.

Join me as we pray, saying:

We do not find it easy to speak of how we do not live as your people, but you invite us to share our weaknesses and failures with you, Inviting God. Tempted to think your salvation is for a select few, we put up barriers for others. Clinging to all you give to us, we are reluctant to share with those in need. Surrounded by evil and violence, we find it easier to close ranks with those just like us, rather than seeking peace and reconciliation for our world.

Forgive us, Salvation's God. Open our eyes to our sisters and brothers all around us. Open our ears to the word of hope you speak to us. Open our spirits to the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, who flings wide the open doors of your kingdom, that all might find life with you.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Here is the good news, my friends: Christ came searching for us, calling us by name, leading us into God's kingdom.

In Christ, we become new people: broken, we are made whole; lost, we are found; forsaken, we are restored to new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Story Time

Hymn: Eternal Spirit of the living Christ [AA 33]

Eternal Spirit of the living Christ,
I know not how to ask, or what to say;
I only know my need, as deep as life,
And only you can teach me how to pray.

Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
Help me to see your purpose and your will –
Where I have failed, what I have done amiss;
Held in forgiving love, let me be still.

Come with the vision and the strength I need
to serve my God, and all humanity;
fulfilment of my life in love outpoured –
my life in you, O Christ, your love in me.

Words Frank von Christierson, Music Colin Gibson

Responsive reading – “In this Ordinary Place”

May we awaken to the presence of God,
here in this ordinary place.

May we awaken to the presence of Gd,
here in this ordinary place.

May we awaken to the power of love,
Here in the ordinary crowd.

May we build a neighbourhood of justice for all,
Now in this ordinary time.

May we daily work to build a world at peace,
Now with these ordinary hands.

Luke 11: 1-13 [The Message] – reader Sven Heger

Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

In response to the word reflected on, let us stand and share together an affirmation of faith.

We believe in God

All **who made the world, loves it and smiles on it;**

Women: who created human beings to be different and asked them to get on with each other;

Men: who took the risk of leaving us alone, knowing that one day our differences might threaten the earth's safety;

All: **who trusts us in full knowledge of our frailness.**

We believe in Jesus, Human One

Women: who came among us insignificantly, who grew among us uneventfully,

All: **who walked among us incognito;**

Men: who, to change the world, became redundant and called others away from security; who befriended those whose company would discredit him;

Women: who pardoned those who deserved to be condemned;

Men: who healed those who were hopeless cases;

Women: who spoke the deepest truths in the language of the living room; who contradicted common sense by accepting the cross and taking on the grave and being liberated to live on the third day;

All: **who calls us, now as then, to a life which is absurd by the standards of the world.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit

All: **through whom God surprises, disappoints, lures and questions us;**

Women: who is the bringer of strength and source of humour;

Men: who leads us to discover the truth we avoid; who is a paradox - ever present yet unpredictable.

All: **And we believe that the foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of the world: and we rejoice that God has made it so.**

(Author unknown)

Hymn: “Let Justice Roll Down” [AA 85]

Refrain:

*Let justice roll down like a river,
let justice flow down to the sea;
let justice roll down like a river
let justice begin through me.*

1. Justice for all who go hungry,
crying to God to be fed,
left in a world of abundance
to beg for a morsel of bread.
2. Justice for those who are homeless,
victims of war or of need,
trapped on the borders of nowhere,
lost in the canyons of greed.
3. Justice for all who are powerless,
yearning for freedom in vain,
plundered and robbed of their birth right,
silently bearing their pain.

Offering

(We acknowledge made by automatic payment and online banking.)

Blessing of Offering (said together)

As you have done with us, may we do for others, holding nothing back, but offering our treasures and lives that hope may be restored, that healing might touch the broken, that the suffering might be revived, and that all might know of your steadfast love in their lives. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Community Time

Sharing the Peace

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

Notices

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

Prayers for others (using the Lord's Prayer)

Our Father, in heaven,

slow to anger, and of great mercy, lover of all peoples of the earth,

Holy be your Name

Remind us that "all the nations are as nothing before thee,"
their governments but a shadow of passing age;

Your kingdom come.

Grant to your children throughout the world,
and especially to the leaders of the nations,
the gift of prayerful thought and thoughtful prayer;
that following the example of our Lord,
we may discern what is right, and do it;

Your will be done on earth, as in heaven.

Help us to protect and to provide for all who are hungry and homeless,
especially those who are deprived of food and shelter;

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us for neglecting to "seek peace and pursue it,"
and finding ourselves in each new crisis,
more ready to make war than to make peace.

"We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves";

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Let us not seek revenge, but reconciliation;
Let us not delight in victory, but in justice;
Let us not give ourselves up to pride, but to prayer;

Do not put us to the test.

Be present to all thy children ravaged by war:

Be present to those who are killing and to those who are being killed;

Be present to the loved ones of those who are killing

and to the loved ones of those who are being killed;

But deliver us from evil.

Subdue our selfish desires to possess and to dominate,

and forbid us arrogance in victory;

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer [Sung] WOV 676

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your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

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Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Do not put us to the test,

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn: Where the love of God is guiding [FFS 76]

1. Where the love of God is guiding,

there is now another way:

new awareness of compassion

learned from one another;

love, the face of God in Jesus,

new creation's thrust,

love, transforming tears and terror

into health and trust.

2. Where the truth of God is driving,

there is now another way,
shining through out times' confusion,
sharp with revelation:

words that stifle sense or spirit
changed and redefined,
crosses raised to teach division
lowered, left behind.

3. Where the life on earth is cherished,
there is now another way,
where a child may grown in safety,
where there's peace and shelter,
when we hold the fragile planet
in our conscious care,
when we see again as sacred
all we are and share.

4. God will lead us on this mission,
God, the flightpath and the power,
lifting all who grasp the vision
into understanding:
so the heart and hope within us
set each other free,
where the love of God is guiding,
this shall come to be.

Words Shirley Murray Music Jillian Bray

Parting Words

The presentness of God reaches beyond this place ...

The candle is extinguished

You have heard the words of peace and hope from God, so go.

We will go to speak to those filled with fear and doubt.

You have been reminded of the One who came looking for us, so go.

We will go to search for all tossed aside by the world.

You have been embraced in the love and grace of the Spirit, so go.

We will go to open our hearts to all searching for hope.

Words of Blessing

May the God you see in all the colours of creation
arouse in you a sense of awe and wonder.

May the God who is a sacred presence be real to you.

May the God who is a source of inspiration and courage keep calling you
forward.

May your God go with you, and bless you.

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 Fabie, Tai and Sosafina and also for the lovely flowers.

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The Welcome Table, <http://progressivechurchplanting.blogspot.com/>
“*In the Ordinary Place*” Bret Hesla. *Worship in the Spirit of Jesus*, pg 103
When Progressives gather together, Rex A. E. Hunt

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