



WESLEY WELLINGTON
75 Taranaki Street
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Sunday 29th May 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
29th May 2022

Worship leader – Nicola Teague Grundy
Reflection - Hugh Laurenson

Welcome and safety briefing **Lusi**

Gathering

Lighting the Christ Candle

Jesus came to share the good news of God. He came to share in our joys and sorrows so we may know God more fully. Let us take a moment to share our joys and sorrows in community with God's people.

(The congregation is invited to share exciting or challenging events in their lives.)

We light this candle for the good news we shared, the good news in our hearts, and the good news that wherever you go God is with you.

Gathering Prayer

Leader

Here in this room, around these tables we have a wide spectrum of resources:

Table 1 say together

People good with their hands
People good with their sense of money
People good with their hearts
People who grasp the wide perspective,
how everything fits into a big picture.

Table 2 say together

And people who discern the details
That can trip up the best plans and make extra unnecessary work.
Here we have people who understand the past of the church
and what really matters to the family.

Table 3 say together

Here we also have people whose gift is to take us to places we haven't
yet been and that will prove to be exciting and important.

Table 4 say together

Here we have people who remember
And people who hope
And people who dream
And people who evaluate
And people who are risk-takers by nature.

Table 1 say together

Here we have people who listen and hear the things that nobody else
hears.

Table 2 say together

Here we have people who speak and who express what everyone else is
thinking but can't quite put into the right words.

Table 3 say together

Here we have people who are naturally shy, and whose words are few.
And we have people who think aloud finding their ideas as they speak.

Table 4 say together

Here we have people for whom this is an important part of their day and
people for whom this could be one more thing to fit in before collapse.

Leader

In this wide collection of differences of viewpoint
we expect to hear you speaking, Lord.
In this rainbow of colours, we expect to find the light needed
for the journey ahead.
We honour our differences, and in honouring each other,
believe we honour you.

For in this assortment of humanity
we expect to find your unity and your love
and in our diversity,
our very differences
to once again touch what it means to be your body
the Church of Jesus.
Amen.

Written by Rev Alan K Webster, Prayers for the Gathering

Hymn: Great and deep the Spirit's purpose

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,
hidden now in mystery,
nature bursts with joyful promise,
ripe with what is yet to be.
In a wealth of rich invention,
still the work of art unfolds:
barely have we seen, and faintly,
what God's great salvation holds.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose,
making Jesus seen and heard.
Every age of God's creation
Grasps new meaning from the Word.
Show us, Holy Spirit, show us
your new work begun today:
eyes and ears and hearts are open,
teach us what to do and say.

Great and deep the Spirit's purpose:
all God's children brought to birth,
freed from hunger, fear and evil
every corner of the earth,
and a million million voices
speak with joy the Saviour's name;
every face reflects his image,
never any two the same.

Great the deep the Spirit's purpose,
nothing shall be left to chance.
All that lives will be united
In the everlasting dance.
All fulfilled and all perfected,
each uniquely loved and known,
Christ in glory unimagined
once for all receives his own.

Words: Marnie Barrell. Music: Colin Gibson

Christian Scriptures: John 17: 20-26 [The Message]

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I'm praying not only for them
But also for those who will believe in me
Because of them and their witness about me.
The goal is for all of them to become one heart and mind—
Just as you, Father, are in me and I in you,
So they might be one heart and mind with us.
Then the world might believe that you, in fact, sent me.
The same glory you gave me, I gave them,
So they'll be as unified and together as we are—
I in them and you in me.
Then they'll be mature in this oneness,
And give the godless world evidence
That you've sent me and loved them
In the same way you've loved me.

Father, I want those you gave me
To be with me, right where I am,
So they can see my glory, the splendour you gave me,
Having loved me
Long before there ever was a world.
Righteous Father, the world has never known you,
But I have known you, and these disciples know
That you sent me on this mission.
I have made your very being known to them—
Who you are and what you do—
And continue to make it known,
So that your love for me
Might be in them
Exactly as I am in them.

Introduction to Reflection

Reflection – Hugh Laurenson

Conversations at the table

- How might God be guiding you to respond to your faith in the world today?
- What role does your faith play in how you respond to challenges that arise in your life?
- As a congregation how might we respond to our call to witness?

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 aianei
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 Deep in the human heart

During the singing of this hymn our offering will be received.

Deep in the human heart
the fire of justice burns;
a vision of a world renewed
through radical concern.
As Christians we are called
to set the captives free,
to overthrow the evil powers
and end hypocrisy.

This is our task today
to build a world of peace;
a world of justice, freedom, truth,
where kindness will increase;
a world from hunger freed,
a world where people share,
where every person is of worth
and no-one lives in fear.

Taking the step of faith,
we leave the past behind
and move into the future's world
with open heart and mind.
By grace we work with Christ,
as one community,
to bring new hope and fuller life
to all humanity.

Words William L (Bill) Wallace.

Offering – Prayer of dedication

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

**We give this offering to you, generous God. We give ourselves as well. Bless us as we give. Move us to help others and to love them, in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

Community time

Notices

Parting Words

Go now in peace,
for Christ has called you to live in peace.
Go now in courage,
for Christ has called you from the places of your life
to be agents of redemption and partners in healing.
Go now in joy and thanksgiving,
for Christ is our light!
Go now as one body,
to love and serve God as you love and serve the world!

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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Please join us in the foyer for refreshments following the service.