



WESLEY WELLINGTON

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Sunday 31st July 2022 – Café Church

*Haere mai ki tēnei Whare Karakia*



**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!**

## Coffee and Chat

### Singing Group – ‘A pinch of salt’ [HioS 1]

*The candle is lit during the singing of the hymn*

1. A pinch of salt in a tasteless stew  
will give that stew some flavour;  
just a pinch or two and it tastes like new,  
if the salt has kept its savour.  
We're to be the light of a candle flame,  
where it's darkest gleaming brightly,  
and salt for the world into which we're hurled:  
when you sprinkle it just go lightly.
2. A drop of hope in a hopeless world  
will give that world some flavour;  
just a drop or two and it tastes like new,  
for hope has its own sweet savour.  
Not a pillar of salt – that's a grievous fault,  
and it's very backward looking;  
yet salt we must add, says the Jesus lad,  
to give zest to the world's sour cooking.
3. A grain of faith in a doubting world  
will give that world some flavour;  
just a grain or two, it will taste like new,  
for faith has its own rich savour.  
Not a sea of brine – that's a serious sign  
that the water's been polluted;  
and a dry salt lake may a race track make,  
but for us it's quite unsuited.
4. A touch of love in a loveless world  
will give our life some flavour;  
just a touch or two and the world's made new,  
for love brings a special savour.

Add a pinch of salt, just a drop of hope,  
and a grain of faith to your baking,  
with a touch of love and, by heav'n above,  
Christ's kingdom's in the making.

Colin Gibson

## **Welcome and Introduction**

### **Community Notices**

#### **Call to Worship**

God has challenged us to open our lives and hearts to others

God of all creation – be with each of us,

Spirit of the living God – live within our community

**Spirit of Peace dwell with us so that we may know your presence  
in silences and stillness, know your vision for your people.**

#### **Hymn 'God, who granted faith and vision' [HioS 50]**

1. God, who granted faith and vision  
once to those who loved this place,  
keep us true to their tradition,  
channels of your truth and grace.  
We who stand where generations  
of your people stood to pray,  
praise you for their dedication,  
join our voice with theirs today.
2. God, whose Spirit moves among us  
now to bind us into one,  
help us to be for those around us  
blood and body of your Son:  
daily dying, daily rising,  
living by your life alone,  
celebration of your presence  
in the world you call your own.

3. God, whose light shines out before us  
through the ages still to be,  
call the yet unborn, and draw them  
into this community.  
As we pass to them the story  
of your love in action here,  
may the praises of your glory  
ring more loudly every year.

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## **Looking into the Bible**

*Micah 6: 8 [The Message]*

But he's already made it plain how to live, what to do,  
what GOD is looking for in men and women.  
It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbour,  
be compassionate and loyal in your love,  
And don't take yourself too seriously—  
take God seriously.

*James 2: 14-17 [The Message]*

Dear friends, do you think you'll get anywhere in this if you learn all the right words but never do anything? Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it? For instance, you come upon an old friend dressed in rags and half-starved and say, "Good morning, friend! Be clothed in Christ! Be filled with the Holy Spirit!" and walk off without providing so much as a coat or a cup of soup—where does that get you? Isn't it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense?

## **Prayer**

## **Reflection**

## **Conversations**

- What are the different cultural understandings and ministry expressions that carry memories for us, that impact on our understanding of ministry and mission for now and into the future?

- Each week on our order of service it states that we are a multi-racial Christian community, Methodist in affiliation, ecumenical in intention, diverse in theology, inclusive in outreach. Are we? What other values and touchstones are important to us that we need to carry with us?
- Facing the needs of today's world, what are the experiences and voices in our church community, and the wider community that tell us about who we aim to be?
- Justice is a central quality of the realm of God (Kingdom of God) and therefore part of the church's mission. How does or can our church contribute towards justice and equality in this community?

## **Prayer**

Creator God, we pray for the power to be gentle;  
the strength to be forgiving;  
the patience to be understanding;  
and the endurance to accept the consequences  
of holding to what we believe to be right.

**May we put our trust in the power of good  
to overcome evil, and the power  
of love to overcome hatred.**

We pray for the vision to see and the faith  
to believe in a world emancipated from violence,  
a new world where fear shall no longer lead people  
to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them  
bring suffering to others.

**Help us to devote our whole life and thought and  
energy to the task of making peace, praying always  
for the inspiration and the power to fulfil the  
destiny for which we and all people were created.  
Amen.**

## 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: Christ our Guide *Tune: Day of Rest*

1. O Christ, midst all the turmoil  
and problems of our day,  
we seek a guide, a signpost,  
to point us on our way.  
We're faced with many choices,  
we're pulled to left and right,  
come Christ and be our signpost,  
come guide us to your light.
2. The Church it seeks direction  
it needs clear guidance too,  
lest in the maze of choices  
it knows not what to do.

Come Christ and give that guidance,  
come lead your Church today,  
for we your Church would travel,  
love's costly, faithful way.

3. The Church it has a mission  
if it to Christ be true.  
To speak a word for Jesus,  
to bring forth hope anew.  
That mission is to love God,  
serve Christ with all our hearts.  
to challenge every issue  
with truth that he imparts.
  
4. Christ is the guide, the signpost,  
for Church, for Christians too,  
if we his road would travel,  
if we his work would do.  
Now grant that as we follow  
the Lord of all our days,  
we will his truth embody  
we will Christ's love display.

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## Offering

### Parting Words

Let us take on this week's life with renewed hope and imagination.

*The candle is extinguished*

From all corners of the world:

**God has called a pilgrim people.**

From all walks and ways of life:

**God has called a pilgrim people.**

We are signs of God's new creation  
joined together by the love of Christ  
So let us not journey alone with God.  
**Let us not journey only with our friends.**  
**Let us be a place and a people of vision,**  
**A place and a people of welcome,**  
**signs of God's all embracing love.**

**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**

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