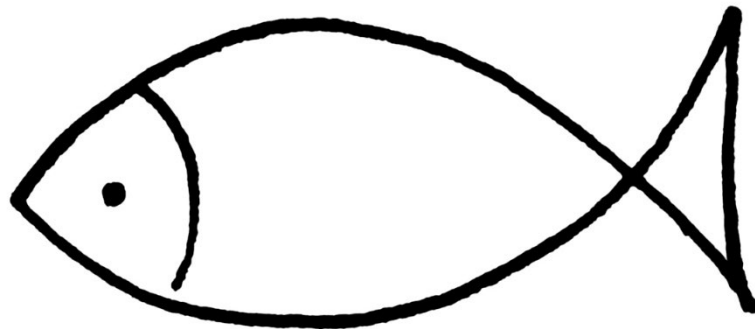




WESLEY WELLINGTON
75 Taranaki Street
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Sunday 6th November 2022
Drama Christi's 75th Anniversary Service

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
6th November 2022

Welcome to today's service. A special welcome to all visitors and especially members and friends of Drama Christi. Your presence enriches our gathering and contributes to the creative evolution of community.

WELCOME AND SAFETY BRIEFING

GREETINGS AND GATHERING

Waiata - He hōnore (Heather and Philip Garside to lead)

He hōnore, he korōria
Maungārongo ki te whenua
Whakaaro pai e
Ki ngā tangata katoa
Ake ake, ake ake
Āmine
Te Atua, te piringa,
Toku oranga
Toku oranga

CALL TO WORSHIP

With music and song, with laughter and mirth,
with movement and dance,
Let us celebrate the source of joy, the spirit of life.

With stillness and prayer,
with wisdom and depth, with passion and heart,
Let us celebrate the source of joy, the spirit of life.

With action and care, with service and love,
with respect and grace,

Let us celebrate the source of joy, the spirit of life

In the midst of planning and rushing,
in the midst of worshipping,

Let us celebrate the source of joy, the spirit of life.

We come to share in the freedom of the Spirit,

We come to praise God's holy name.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of the past, the present and the future,
we thank you that you love us faithfully and uniquely.

You loved us before we knew anything about you;

you care for us in every moment of our lives;

you know our deepest thoughts,

our highest hopes and our greatest fears;

you know the best and worst in us, and still you love us.

Thank you that you never let us go.

Thank you for the plans and promises you have made for us,
which give us hope for today and tomorrow.

God of our past, our present and our future,

receive our thanks and praise which we offer in Jesus' name.

Amen.

HYMN – 'There is room'

Everyone is welcome, everyone is called,
everyone's invited to the table of the Lord.

Everyone's forgiven, everyone is free,
everyone's accepted at the table of the Lord.

Refrain:

There is room, there is room, there is always room!

There is room, there is room, there is always room!

There is room, there is room, there is always always room

There is room around this table for us all.

Everyone is wanted, everyone is known,
everyone is cared for at the table of the Lord.

Everyone is noticed, everyone is heard,
everyone is counted at the table of the Lord.

Everyone is broken, everyone is weak,
everyone is hungry at the table of the Lord.
Everyone is nurtured, everyone is fed,
everyone is strengthened at the table of the Lord.

Words and Music: Jonathan Berkahn 2012.

DRAMA CHRISTI PRESENTATION

HYMN: 'Dance with us' (Led by Philip Garside)

When you are troubled, have no fear, have no fear.
Christ has a message we want to share:

*Come and dance with us, sing with us,
Walk along our way.
Help us bring alive God's kingdom on earth today.*

Leave behind hatred, turn away, seek the light.
Love one another no need to fight:

Hear one another, loving care, kindness shared.
Hearts and hands open, world in our care:

Words & Music: Philip Garside

THE RABBI IN THE TEMPLE (by Clive Sansom) – Philip Garside

REFLECTIONS of DRAMA CHRISTI – Past, Present, Future

Reflection by Daphne Pilaar

HYMN – ‘O God, Each Day You Bless Us (*tune*: Ellacombe)

O God, each day you bless us with gifts of your shalom:
You give us peace and justice, you welcome lost ones home.
You care for your creation and set your people free;
You offer us salvation and build community.

You make us sons and daughters baptised and reconciled!
You show us: Each peace-maker is blest as your own child.
You fill us at your table with strength for each new day;
Then Spirit filled we're able to live your peaceful way.

We'll worship, pray and study, to learn new skills for peace;
We'll work as one strong body so justice will increase.
We'll build new global friendships, seek peace in every land,
Protect the earth you gave us and give with outstretched hand.

You give your church a vision, a way of life, a prayer:
Your will is done in heaven; now bring in your reign here!
And when we wonder, grieving, at what the nations do,
God, may we work, believing there's hope in serving you.

Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (2004)

OFFERING AND DEDICATION

(We acknowledge offerings made by automatic payment and on-line banking)

In response to the promise of abundant life,
God calls us to share our resources with those in need.
In that spirit of generosity, let us offer our gifts.

Loving God, we give thanks for the visions and dreams that you share with your people. We offer these gifts in response to your abundant blessings and ask that you use them and the commitment they represent to share your good news with all the world. Amen.

COMMUNITY TIME

Let us take a moment to celebrate each other.

Sharing the Peace

Let's greet each other saying: **"God's peace be with you."**

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Storytelling God, who speaks to us through drama and song, in myths and legends and parables, may we find ourselves in those stories and grow through them.

May our hearts be touched with wonder so we can see ourselves more clearly in our fullness and complexity.

(Silence)

Life goes on.

Our time in this sacred place tries to hold it all together:
the joys and the sorrows,
the pleasure and the pain,
the fullness and the emptiness.

May our coming together bear witness to the power of love,
and the possibility of community.

(Silence)

In our increasingly divided world, many people see others differently.
And some strike out against that difference.

So we lament... And we pray...
For the world, for all places of conflict and strife.
For all people, for the persecuted and for those without food.
For all people who live without dignity, or who have no hope.
For all who suffer, for the sick in body or spirit.
For the sad, the lonely, and for all who mourn.

(Silence)

May we be look at all beings with eyes of compassion.

This is 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.

HYMN: God who sets us on a journey

God who sets us on a journey
to discover, dream and grow,
lead us as you led your people
in the desert long ago;
journey inward, journey outward,
stir the spirit, stretch the mind,
love for God and self and neighbour
marks the way that Christ defined.

Exploration brings new insights,
changes, choices we must face;
give us wisdom in deciding,
mindful always of your grace;
should we stumble, lose our bearings,
find it hard to know what's right,
we regain our true direction
focused on the Jesus light.

End our longing for the old days,
grant the vision that we lack –
once we've started on this journey
there can be no turning back;
let us travel light, discarding
excess baggage from our past,
cherish only what's essential,
choosing treasure that will last.

When we set up camp and settle
to avoid love's risk and pain,
you disturb complacent comfort,
pull the tent pegs up again;
keep us travelling in the knowledge
you are always at our side;
give us courage for the journey,
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

Words Joy Dine

PARTING WORDS

As we go from this place, let us take on this week's life with renewed hope and imagination ...

The candle is extinguished.

May Creativity God be with you on the smooth paths.

May Jesus the Companion be with you in the storms.

May the Empowering Spirit be with you at all times.

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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Community Prayer (*adapted*) Rex A E Hunt – Progressives Gather Together.

Prayer of Intercession – Roger Courtney, <https://progressivechristianity.org/> *adapted*

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