



WESLEY WELLINGTON
75 Taranaki Street
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Sunday 14th May 2023
Mothers Day and Baptism Noah Rayolo Tevita

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
14th May 2023

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

GREETINGS/WELCOME:

LIGHTING THE CANDLE: (Kānara Whakamāmā)

INTROIT: Sing refrain- "Into My Heart"

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**Into my heart, into my heart
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.
Come in today, come into to stay.
Come into my heart Lord Jesus.**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

(Inspired by Psalm 66:8-20 & John 14:15)

Transforming God, you have taken the world's darkness and re-created a world filled with the joy of light and hope.

Come and hear the good news of God's love for all creation.

Restoring God, you have turned defeat into sudden victory, and re-created a world filled with the joy of peace and shalom.

Come and hear the good news of God's awesome powers.

Renewing God, God of Love, we respond to your mighty deeds with songs of praise, worship and thankful prayers. You alone are God!

Come and hear the good news of God's blessings on us all.

Glory and honour, power and dominion belong to God alone. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER:

God of unmeasurable blessings, as we gather in your most gracious name here in this place to worship you.

We gather not out of obligation but by our own free will of fellowship.

This morning our choice to project our love for you is in the name of obedience. Bless us with the revelation of true justice, to journey in humbleness with you.

Keep us steadfast in our faith in you.

We rejoice in your love for us and in the life we have been given through the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Open our eyes to recognize Your presence here among us;
open our hearts to the love that You have for us;
open our minds to the truth You would reveal to us.**

As you have so graciously blessed us, may we bless others in Jesus' name and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your everlasting Spirit of truth the righteous relationship and the blessings of obedience. **Amen.**

HYMN: "Love Divine, all loves excelling" (Charles Wesley, WOV 148)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave:
thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be,
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crown before thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (based on Acts 17 & John 14)

Maker and giver of all,
forgive us when we are too preoccupied to notice your presence in our lives:

when we walk through this world and fail to see the wonder
of you upholding our lives and all creation; when we walk through our lives
and fail to see you abiding with, within, and around us;
when we walk through holy moments and fail to savour your presence,
instead feeling abandoned in the vast sweep of life
as each day rushes at us with its demands.
Open our eyes to your presence, God of love,
that we may lean on you for you uphold all of creation
in tenderness and power. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER: (He Inoi O Te Ariki)

**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.**

WORD OF ASSURANCE:

(Acts 17, Psalms 66 & John 14)

When Jesus left the disciples, he gave us a promise:
“I will not leave you orphaned!”
For we, his disciples, live in him and he in us-
the presence of God within and around all.
What a promise! Take courage! Take comfort!
Blessed be to God!

BAPTISM OF NOAH RAYOLO TEVITA

Once when people brought their babies to Jesus to be blessed, the disciples
wanted to send them away, but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me,
do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs”.

Luke 18: 15-17

Emily and Johnathan, we are glad you have brought Noah Rayolo Tevita
to be baptised today.

Baptism is God's gift to us. It is God who takes the initiative; God chooses us. Long before we can understand or respond, God knows and loves each one of us and wants to be known and loved by us.

Baptism marks and celebrates the gracious, transforming work of God within us, not just in the moment of baptism itself but throughout the whole of life.

From the very beginning of the Christian community, people have been received into the church through baptism. Children belong in the community of faith which is centred on Jesus Christ. Through baptism they become members of the church, God's covenant people, and are united with Christians of every time and place.

Human life is marked by brokenness but forgiveness and new life in Christ are available to all who are open to receive them. Little children do not understand this yet, but their parents and the church together affirm their faith in God and promise to nurture them in this faith, so that as members of the Body of Christ they may learn to love and serve God all their life.

Let us affirm the faith declared in our baptism:

Please Stand

We are not alone – we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus,

crucified and risen,

our judge and our Hope.

In life, in death,

in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated

(Emily and Johnathan and their family bring Noah forward).

Statements of Intention by parents and family

Promise of the Congregation

Congregation stands

As members of Christ's universal church you are about to receive Noah Rayolo Tevita into membership. Will you surround Noah and his family with love, nurture and encourage him in the faith, and with God's help make this a place where all may grow in the knowledge and love of Christ?

We will. With great joy we welcome Noah Rayolo Tevita into the church.

Congregation sits

THE BAPTISM

BAPTISMAL PRAYER

Let us pray:

We thank you, loving God, for the miracle of birth,
for the gift of children and the richness
that family life can bring.

Bless Noah Rayolo Tevita and his family.

Give to Emily and Johnathan the faith and wisdom
to fulfil their responsibility.

**We remember with gratitude
our own baptism.
Help us to live lives
worthy of his high calling.**

May your Spirit continually be at work in us so
that we may be channels of love and peace.
Amen.

Noah Rayolo Tevita is entered in the baptismal register. The baptismal certificate is presented by the Parish Steward

The parents and family members return to their seat.

Hymn: A pei se vaiatafe [SMHB 19]

A pei se vaiatafe
Le fifilemu
Pe Lutia nei i Le Sou
I Le Olaga Nei
Ou te Molimau Pea
E lelei, E Lelei Le Ali'i

E Lelei (E Lelei)
E Lelei (E Lelei)
E Lelei, E Lelei Le Ali'i

E fia foai le olaga nei
Ma lona malosi lelei
Ia fai ma taulaga
Ia viia ai
Le Alii alofa lenei

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME - Sokopeti Sina

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR MOTHERS on Mother's Day.

HYMN: "Come let us sing of a wonderful love"

(Robert Walmsley) H&P 691

Come let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true;
out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you: wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
why do they roam?
love only waits to forgive and forget;
Home! weary wanderers, home! Wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Come to my heart now, O wonderful love,
come and abide,
lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride; Seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Acts 17:22-31

John 14:15-21

SERMON: “The Love for obedience is the key for blessings”

HYMN: “He came singing love”

Words & Music Colin Gibson(AA59)

(Offering to be received during Hymn)

He came singing love and
he lived singing love; he died singing love.
He arose in silence. For the love to go on
we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

He came singing faith and
He lived singing faith; he died singing faith.
He arose in silence. For the faith to go on
We must make it our song;
You and I be the singers.

He came singing hope and
He lived singing hope; he died singing hope.
He arose in silence. For the hope to go on
We must make it our song;
You and I be the singers.

He came singing peace and
He lived singing peace; he died singing peace.
He arose in silence. For the peace to go on
We must make it our song;
You and I be the singers.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (Taatou Koha Ki Te Haahi)

We bring our gifts of money our talents and ourselves, may these gifts and blessings can be used to reflect your love into the world.

God of love, you are present in all things. Be present to a hurting world in these gifts. Help us use this offering to create a community of love and a place of belonging for all people. Help us reach those who seek, and those who doubt. Use these gifts to help people know the blessings of being your beloved children. Amen

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OTHERS:

God of earth and heaven, we give you thanks and praise that you listen when we call on you, hear the prayers we bring for your people.

We give you thanks and praise for the beauty of the world that you have made, for the intricate detail and design of each interlocking part.

We pray for the world: for respect for its creatures, for wise stewardship of its resources, for just sharing of its bounty. Loving God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks and praise for the diversity and richness of human life, for the creative and sustaining power of human mind and spirit. We pray for the nations: for peace and good will among peoples, for wise and just government, for food for the hungry and shelter for the homeless. Loving God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour, whom you sent to live among us and have raise from death to life. We pray for the church and members: for a spirit of repentance, of faithfulness and obedience, for power to proclaim your gospel in sacrament, deed and word. Loving God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks and praise that you are the centre and source of our being, the provider of all we have to share. We pray for the community: for compassion for the vulnerable, for acceptance for the outcast, for understanding and love. Loving God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks and praise that throughout the ages you have loved your people, caring for them in times of trouble and despair. We pray for all in need: for consolation for the sad, for companionship for the lonely, for comfort for those who are in pain and strength for all who care for them. Loving God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks and praise that you prepare a dwelling place for all who love you and offer your children the joys of everlasting life. We remember your faithful servants of every age. Help us to follow their example, that loving you we may set aside all that is displeasing in your eyes, keep your commandments and grow in your ways. With all your saints, bring us home to your eternal presence, that we may live forever in you and with you.

God of earth and heaven, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer. Amen.

HYMN: "Trust and Obey"

(John Henry Sammis)WOV 531

When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus
But to trust and obey.

But we never can prove
The delights of his love
Until all the altar we lay,
For the favour he shows
And the joy he bestows
Are for those who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus
But to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at his feet,
Or we'll walk by his side in the way;
What he says we will do,
Where he sends we will go-
Never fear, only trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus
But to trust and obey.

(The candle is extinguished)

BENEDICTION:

(Acts 17, 1 Peter 3 & John 14)

Wherever we are, we are in God.
**Wherever we are, we are in Christ,
and Christ is in us.**

Wherever we are, the Spirit abides with us and in us.
**We go forth in peace and hope,
upheld by God in every way.**

Let us go forth in faithfulness and trust.
May all see the Divine in and through us.

THE GRACE: (Let's all share the Grace with each other).

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. Amen

BLESSING SONG:

Words Olive Wood (AA 102)

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling,
and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,
To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and
power, both now and ever. Amen.

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