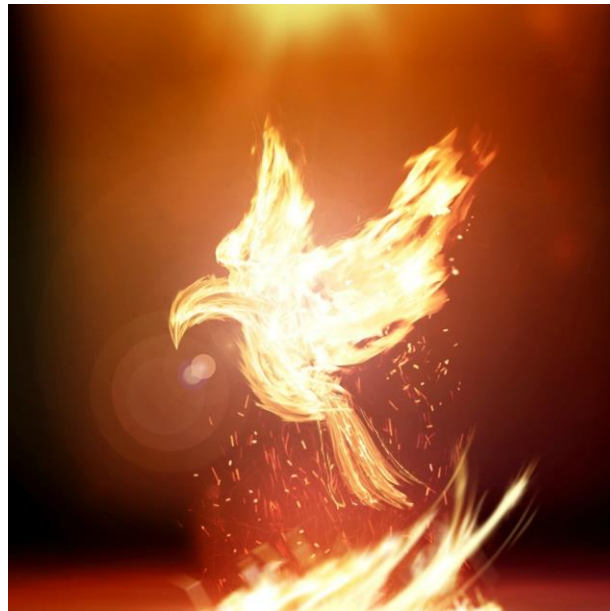




WESLEY WELLINGTON
75 Taranaki Street
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Sunday 4 June 2023

Trinity



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!**

Combined Service
Wesley Methodist Church 75 Taranaki Street
Trinity

Praise and worship	Tongan Youth
Greeting and words of welcome	Lopini Me'afo'ou
Lighting of candle	Mina Na'asina.
Introit (<i>Congregation stands</i>)	Tongan Choir
CALL TO WORSHIP (<i>Remain standing</i>)	Liuola Pouvalu

Leader O God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**All Your glory shines from below
And grows from above**

Leader You bring wisdom from the youngest
And most vulnerable of us.

**All You call forth delight in those who live
Both long and deep.**

Leader We look to your creation and find you everywhere

All We see you in the moon and the stars.

Leader O God, our God, how majestic is your name In all the earth.

All Amen

Hymn “Guide me O thou great Jehovah” H&P 437

1 Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Utumau'u Pupulu

Gracious God, you have given us the world.
Yet too often, we have taken it for granted,
and fail to respect your great gift.
We have received authority
but thought it power.
We have received responsibility
but decided it belonged to someone else.
We have received your calling
but considered it control.
It is easy, O God, to take the power
and leave the responsibility.
It is easy to forget that disciples are made in many ways,
not just our own.
We have not always remembered
that you have entrusted your cherished creation to us.
We have not always remembered
that the word "entrusted" includes "trust"
We have not always believed that you have trusted us,
and that you trust us still.
Remind us, O God,
that we are part of creation,
not separate from it;
that we are part of your people,
not separate from them.
Forgive us when we take your gifts
and your people for granted,
and help us start again. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (*We say the prayer that our Lord has taught us to pray, each in our own language*)

10AM SINGING GROUP

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 8

Sven Heger

God, brilliant Lord, yours is a household name. Nursing infants gurgle choruses about you; toddlers shout the songs That drown out enemy talk, and silence atheist babble. I look up at your macro-skies, dark and enormous, your handmade sky-jewelry, Moon and stars mounted in their settings. Then I look at my micro-self and wonder, why do you bother with us? Why take a second look our way? Yet we've so narrowly missed being gods, bright with Eden's dawn light. You put us in charge of your handcrafted world, repeated to us your Genesis-charge, made us stewards of sheep and cattle, even animals out in the wild, Birds flying and fish swimming, whales singing in the ocean deeps. 9 God, brilliant Lord, your name echoes around the world.

Matthew 28:16-20

Tongan Youth

Simon Peter said, "You're the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus came back, "God bless you, Simon, son of Jonah! You didn't get that answer out of books or from teachers. My Father in heaven, God himself, let you in on this secret of who I really am. And now I'm going to tell you who you are, really are. You are Peter, a rock. This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out. "And that's not all. You will have complete and free access to God's kingdom, keys to open any and every door: no more barriers between heaven and earth, earth and heaven. A yes on earth is yes in heaven. A no on earth is no in heaven." He swore the disciples to secrecy. He made them promise they would tell no one that he was the Messiah.

ANTHEM

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Reflection - THEME: THE GREAT COMMISSION (Matthew 28:18-20)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Nicola Teague Grundy

**All: We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Leader Let us pray for the whole church of Christ and for the human family; for the union of all Christians in one holy church; for all who bear responsibility among God's people; for all ministers of the word and sacrament; for the mission and outreach of this congregation. God of love
All receive our prayer

Leader Let us pray for the peace of the world; for the rulers of all nations; for government in accordance with God's holy will; and for a just and proper use of the Natural resources of the world God of love
All receive our prayer

Leader Let us pray for the concern and activities of this congregation and of this neighbourhood; and for ourselves, our families and neighbours. God of love
All receive our prayer

Leader Let us pray for all in sorrow, need, anxiety or sickness For the dying and those who watch over them; for the neglected and lonely; for the unemployed; and for who are imprisoned; for those who suffer for conscience sake. God of love
All receive our prayer

Leader Let us pray for men and women in their daily life and work; for young people and children; for places of healing, teaching, study and research; for travellers. God of love
All receive our prayer

Leader Let us praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honoured, and pray that we also, inspired by their example, may have grace to glorify Christ.

God of love.

All receive our prayer

Leader Almighty God, you know our needs before we ask; help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Hymn “Take my life and let it be”

H&P 705

1 Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise.

4 Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

SACRAMENT

Leader. We, many as we are, are one body in Christ. If we do not love our brothers and sisters whom we have seen how can we love our God whom we have not seen?
The peace of God be with you

All And God’s peace be with you.

EXCHANGE THE PEACE (*Let us greet one another with signs of peace and joy*).

OFFERTORY

Sokopeti

Na’asina.

I implore you by God’s mercy to offer your very selves to God: a living sacrifice, dedicated and fit for God’s acceptance, the worship offered by mind and heart.

(Congregation stand)

Leader Holy God, with confidence we come to you and bring
You what is yours.

All **Accept us and these gifts for your service and glory,
Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

Leader The Lord is here
All **God's Spirit is with us**

Leader Lift up your hearts
All **We lift them to the Lord**

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader With all your people in heaven and on earth we give you thanks for Jesus Christ, through whom all things were made; who in the fullness of time became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth; who in obedience suffered death on the cross and was raised in triumph that we might have life. Therefore, we worship and praise your glorious name.
All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Leader On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and after giving thanks broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ
Your death we proclaim
your resurrection we celebrate;
your coming we await. Amen**

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Leader Come Holy Spirit, that these gifts may be to us the the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Bind us into one body, that we may grow into the fullness of Christ who is the head.

All **we come to your table, Lord, trusting not in our own righteousness
but in your great mercy. We are worthy even to gather the crumbs
from under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature
always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat
this bread and drink this wine that Christ may evermore dwell in us
and we in him. Amen**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is a
sharing in the blood of Christ.
Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

INVITATION

Leader Come for all things are now ready. Draw near in faith
 and take this holy sacrament in remembrance that
 Christ died for you.

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you with all our hearts for your mercy and grace. Grant us now and in the days to come a living hope in you; and as we serve you in the world, help us look and work for that day. When at your name every knee shall bow and every tongue confess you Lord, to the glory of God. Amen

Hymn “I need thee every hour”

H&P 524.

1 I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.

2 I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their pow'r
When Thou art nigh. [Refrain]

Refrain:
I need Thee, oh, I need Thee;
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

3 I need Thee ev'ry hour,
In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide,
Or life is vain. [Refrain]

4 I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises
In me fulfill. [Refrain]

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE

Mina Na'asina

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

Go forth in Peace
For the Love of God is yours to share
The peace of Christ is yours to extend
And the power of the Holy Spirit is yours to offer.

THE GRACE

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

Amen

Ma Te Marie (sung unaccompanied)

1. Ma te marie a te Atua
Tatou katoa e tiaki;
Mana ano e whakau
O tatou ngakau ki te pai.

2. Ma te Atua Tamaiti ra,
Ma te wairua Tapu hok,
Ratou, Atua Kotahi nei.
Tatou katoa e whakapa

Amine

Please Join us in the New Hall for Refreshments following the service