

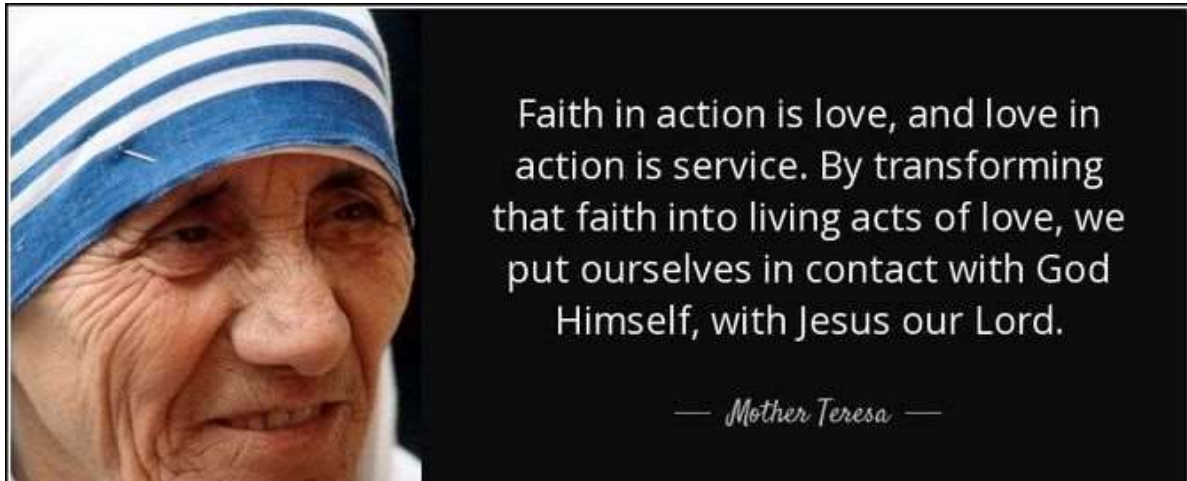


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11 o Here-turi-kōkā (August) 2024

**Te Rātapu tua tekau mā rua o te Petekoha
(Pentecost 12)**

*Haere mai ki tēnei whare karakia
Welcome to this house of prayer*



Living out our faith in action

Living God's love – acting for the common Good

**Kia ora koutou katoa — Tālofa lava
Mālō e lelei — Bula vinaka — Greetings to you all!**

Welcome to today's service. A special welcome to visitors. We hope you will enjoy worshipping with us this morning and will join us again.

Welcoming you today are Alan Dine & Sarah Laurenson.

10AM Congregation – Order of Service

Worship leader: Hugh Laurenson

Organist: Colin Scarf

We acknowledge that we are on the land of the Ngāti Mutunga and Te Āti Awa people and that the Spirit was in the land revealing God to them through law, custom and ceremony.

We honour mana whenua and their continuing culture and pray that we might all work together for peace and justice in this place.

Welcome and Safety Briefing

Alan Dine

Call to Worship (Ngā Kupu Whakapūare)

Ko te rā tēnei i hanga i Ihowā. **This is the day which the Lord has made.**

Kia hari, kia koa tatou. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

We gather today knowing there are people in our world who are surrounded by violence and conflict on every side.

Our work of peace begins with prayer.

We gather today knowing there are people in our community who feel lost, alone, abandoned, and forgotten.

Our work of love begins with prayer.

We gather today knowing there are people in this place, this neighbourhood, this world that we all share who experience overwhelming grief, despair, and sorrow.

Our work of hope begins with prayer.

We gather not to look away from the world but to witness the needs of our neighbours through the lens of God's love.

May we be a people who pray and, out of our praying, do the work of bringing peace, love, and hope to all we encounter. Amen.

Lighting the candle (Kānara Whakamāmā)

Set our hearts on fire with love for you, O Christ our God

So that in its flame we may love you with all our heart,

With all our mind, with all our soul, and with all our strength,

And our neighbours as ourselves,

So that by keeping your commandments we may glorify you,

The giver of all good gifts.

Opening Prayer (Inoi Tuatahi)

It is time to stop rushing,
to rest our lives in the love of God.

**I wait for the Lord,
my soul waits and in God's word do I trust.**

It is time to let go of frustration or fear,
to let go of doubt or despondency.

**My soul waits for the Lord,
more than night watchmen wait for the morning,
yes, more than watchmen long for the morning.**

Let all people put their hope in the Lord!

**For with the Lord there is faithful love,
with God there is plentiful redemption.**

Hymn (Hīmene): Here I am, Lord (OCP New Dawn Music)

Daniel L. Schutte

Prayer of Approach & Words of Assurance (Kupu Kī Pono)

O God of compassion, if you kept a record of our sins, who could stand?
We come before you with our brokenness and our wounds for all to see.
We bring our anger, our bitterness, our unwholesome talk, and our deceitfulness.
We try to do good, but sometimes fail. We choose to do evil, and sometimes
succeed. Keep your promise to forgive us when we confess to you completely.
Without you, we have no hope.

Introducing the Theme (Tīmatanga Kōrero)

Hymn (Hīmene): Make me a channel of your peace (H&P 776)

Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (NRSVUE)

So then, putting away falsehood, let each of you speak the truth with your neighbour, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Those who steal must give up stealing; rather, let them labour, doing good work with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths but only what is good for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

John 6:41-51 (NRSVUE)

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Reflection (He Whakaaroaro)

Hymn (Hīmene): The king of love my shepherd is (H&P 69a)

H. W. Baker

Community Time

Sharing the Peace

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

Notices

Sharing joys, things we are grateful for, sorrows and concerns

Prayers of Intercession (Ngā Inoi Mō Te Whānau)

Loving God, who watches over us like a parent, delighting in our happiness and weeping over all the ways we harm one another, guide us. Nurture us. Empower us to be your peacemakers and mercy-bringers in this world.

Loving God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Merciful God, our world is full of war, violence, injustice, and oppression. We are surrounded by misinformation, half-truths, and lies. Give us courage to tell the truth of your love, to protect the innocent, and to resist evil in every way it presents itself.

Loving God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, our neighbourhoods are full of people who are struggling. Struggling to make ends meet, struggling to find stability, struggling to find community. Empower us to notice, to reach out, and to love our neighbours as you have called us to love.

Loving God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of Hope, our lives are filled with so many reasons for despair. Loneliness abounds, uncertainty overwhelms, and suffering feels constant. Fill us with the warmth of your love and inspire us to extend a hand, a hug, a smile, a gesture of connection in a disconnected world.

Loving God, in your mercy, hear our prayer. 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 aiane 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.**

Offering (Tātou Koha Ki Te Hāhi)

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

Blessing of offerings (said together)

Lord Jesus, you who expressed your love not by taking but by giving, not by demanding but by sacrificing – bless us now as we follow your example in giving our lives back into your hands for the sake of others. May these gifts offered freely represent our faith in God's all-sufficient provision for our lives in this world and the world to come.

Hymn (Himene): Brother, sister, let me serve you (AA 8)

Richard Gillard

Extinguishing the candle (Kānara Whakapoko)

Sending forth/Benediction (Ngā Inoi Whakamutunga)

May God's grace open your hearts to recognize the needs of your neighbours; may God's mercy fill your prayers, and may God's peace empower you to share the goodness and blessing you receive from God with all. Amen.

The Grace (said together)

Kia tau ki a tātou katoa,
te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki o Ihu Karaiti,
me te aroha o te Atua,
me te whiwhinga tahitanga
ki te Wairua Tapu. Āmine

Please join us for morning tea in the New Hall following the service. Many thanks to Wendy & Rendall Conwell for providing today's kai and manaakitanga.

Liturgy for this service was sourced from:

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[United Methodist Church](#)
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