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COMBINED SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 1st February 2026, 10am

Haere mai ki tēnei Whare Karakia

Welcome to this House of Prayer

Covenant Service



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 of Holy Communion

Worship Leader: Reverend Joeli Ducivaki

Organist: Vivien Chiu

WELCOME & SAFETY BRIEFING

Tongan Congregation

INTROIT

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INOI/Prayer

God be with us and all for whom we pray.
God be among us

Sa tu raviti keda na Kalou,
E afio mai le Atua i o tatou luma ma

‘Oku tu‘u ‘a e ‘Otua ‘i hotau tu‘a,
For you are the way, the truth and the life, Forever and ever.

Let us worship God
Who has established an everlasting covenant
And calls us through Jesus Christ to be a faithful follower.
Amen.

KĀNARA WHAKAMĀMĀ / Candle Lighting

Eternal God, you have broken into our darkness
Giving us light for our path and a lamp for our way

Eternal God, you have entered our history
Giving us Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Eternal God, your Spirit leads us on
Giving us light for this year's journey. Amen.

The candle is lit

HIMENE – “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” – Psalm 100 H&P 1

1. All people that on Earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
Him serve with mirth, his praise
forth tell;
Come ye before him and rejoice.

2. The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make:
We are his folk, he doth us feed;
And for his sheep he doth us take.

3. O enter then his gates with
praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name
always,
For it is seemly so to do.

4. For why? The Lord our God is
good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

TE WHĀKINGA HARA / Prayer of Thanksgiving and Confession

Let us pray
For the mystery of creation
For the wonderful diversity of the natural world
For the beauty of the land and sea which nurture us:

We praise you, O God.

For Jesus Christ who lived and died and
lives again; for the power of his suffering
love in the midst of life;
we are called to proclaim;

We praise you, O God.

For the Holy Spirit who strengthens us; for
the love that fulfils our deepest needs and

calls us to love and serve others; for the joy
of Christian hope which gives meaning to the future.

We praise you, O God.

For the church and the love that has made
us your people; for your coming reign when
all shall be one in Christ.

We praise you, O God

Silence

Let us seek God's forgiveness:

Silence

**Forgive us, God when we forget to praise you, when we turn your
love into legalism, your freedom into slavery, your promises and
gifts into demands and duties. Forgive us when we forget we are
your people and make church exclusive. Forgive us when we forget
that you are active here and now and try to lock you up in forms
and customs, words and structures.**

Silence

God is rich in mercy in the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.

Amen, thanks be to God

TE INOI O TE ARIKI (Lord's Prayer in Te Reo)

**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.**

WAIATA – 10AM Singing Group

NGĀ KARAIPITURE / The Scriptures

Jeremiah 31: 31-34 [NRSVUE] (*To be read in Samoan*)

A New Covenant

31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

John 15: 1-8 [NRSVUE] (*To be read in Fijian*)

Jesus the True Vine

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. 2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and

burned. 7 If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

HE WHAKAAROARO / Reflection - *Rev. Joeli Ducivaki*

NGARINGARI /Anthem: *Fijian Choir*

NGĀ INOI MŌ TE WHĀNAU / Prayers of Intercession

We pray for one another, for our families and friends and all those through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Thank you to all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbours and our community, loving others as he loves us.

Silence

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress and bless those who minister to them.

Silence

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of these islands. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and all leaders of the nations.

Silence

We pray for your church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name will also reflect your glory.

Silence

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

Silence

Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Receive the prayers of your people. Amen.

HE KAWENATA / The Covenant – Rev Joeli Ducivaki

In Covenant God chose Israelites to be a servant people. Through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, God has declared the covenant to be with all who trust in Christ. We stand within this covenant and we bear Christ's name. On one hand, God promises to give us new life in Christ: On the other, we pledge to live not for ourselves but for God. Today we meet, as generations before us have met, to renew the covenant which bound them and which now binds us to God.

Let us claim this covenant for ourselves and take again the yoke of Christ upon us.

To take this yoke upon us means that we are willing for Christ to appoint us our place and work, and for Christ alone to be our reward.

Christ has many services to be done: some are easy, others are difficult; some bring honour, others bring reproach; some are suited to our natural inclinations and material interests, others are contrary to both; in some we may please Christ and please ourselves; in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. Yet the power to do all these things is given to us in Christ who strengthens us.

Loving and holy God,
With joy we take upon ourselves the yoke of obedience
And for love of you commit us to seek and do your perfect will.
We are no longer our own, but yours.

I am no longer my own but yours.

Your will, not mine, be done in all things, wherever you may place me,

in all that I do and in all that I may endure; when there is work for me and when there is none; when I am troubled and when I am at peace. Your will be done when I am valued and when I am disregarded; when I find fulfilment and when it is lacking; when I have all things, and when I have nothing, I willingly offer all I have and am to serve you, as and where you choose. Glorious and blessed God Father, Son and Holy Spirit you are mine and I am yours. May it be so forever.

Let this covenant now made on earth be fulfilled in heaven.

Amen.

Prayer – Rev Sui'teo.

HIMENE / Hymn – “Take my Life and Let it be” H&P 705 (ii)

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| 1. | English
Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to
thee; Take my moments
and my days, Let them
flow in ceaseless praise. | | Taleniti, ngaahi ta'u
Fanau, fale, mo e koloa. |
| 2. | Samoa
O outou o tigaina
Tepa tonu ia Iesu;
Lona alofa tele lava
E maua ai le filemu. | 4. | English
Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I
withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as thou shalt
choose. |
| 3. | Tongan
Sisu, ke ke ma'u ma'au
'Eku ngaahi mea kotoa; | 5. | Fijian
Na ligaqu na Kalou
Mo Ni taura tu oqo
Me'u sa ogataka ga
Ka ni bula vou ko ya. |

6. **English**
Take my love; my Lord, I
pour

At thy feet its treasure-
store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

TĀTOU KOHA KI TE HAAHI / Offering

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

Accept us and these gifts for your service and glory. Amen.

TE HĀKARI TAPU / Ministry of the Sacrament

The spirit is here

God's hope is in us

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to God

Let us give thanks to the God of peace

It is right to offer thanks and praise

Here today, through bread and wine, we renew our journey with
Jesus and his disciples. We renew our unity with one another, and
with all those who have gone before us. We renew our communion
with the Earth and our interwovenness with the broken ones of the
world.

We take bread, symbol of labour, symbol of life.

We will break the bread because Christ, the source of life, was broken
for the excluded, exploited, and downtrodden.

We take wine, symbol of blood, spilt in war and conflict, symbol too
of new life.

We will drink the wine because Christ, the peace of the world,
overcomes violence.

Now bread and wine are before us, the memory of our meals, our working, our talking; the story that shapes us; the grieving and the pain, the oppressor who lies deep in our own soul, the seeking and the loving.

And we give thanks for all that holds us together.

Therefore, with the disciples, and with all faithful
we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

**Holy, Holy, Holy one,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the power of love. Hosanna in the highest.**

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread; when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

(Break the bread saying)

The bread of life, broken for you.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said:

Drink this all of you, for this is my blood which brings new life; Do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

(Pour the wine saying)

The cup of blessing, poured out for you.

We celebrate this meal

– a meal of faith and hope, God's love, shared among us.

These are the gifts Jesus Christ gave us. Let us partake in them.

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

Please come and let us share this meal, for all is now ready.

(The Samoan Choir will sing during today's communion and are invited to come forward first. Please approach by the center aisle and return down each side)

HIMENE / Hymn – “Blessed Assurance” H&P 668

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;
Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood:

Refrain

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love:

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest--
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love:

NGĀ INOI WHAKAMUTUNGA / Parting Words

As people of faith we have gathered for worship.
As people of faith we now return to the world.

Go out to share the story of faith, the story of life, with the world
around you.

We share the faith in word and in deed, in speech and in action.

As you go out to give a living witness, as you go out to testify to God's
love active in the world, go knowing that God goes with you, sharing
the laughter and the hope, the fears and the tears.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Himene: 'Mā te mārie' (sung unaccompanied to tune: Old 100th)

Mā te mārie a te Atua
Tātou katoa e tiaki.
Māna anō e whakaū
ō Tātou ngākau ki te pai.

The peace of God
Keeps us all.
He will confirm
Our hearts in goodness.

Mā te Atua Tamaiti rā,
mā te Wairua Tapu hoki
rātou, Atua kōtahi nei,
tātou katoa e whakapai.

May the Son of God
and the Holy Spirit too,
one God
Bless us all.

Amine

Amen.

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