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**COMBINED SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

*Tongan Congregation*

**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’ā,  
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 aianei 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. Joel 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)**

1.	<b>English</b> 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.	<b>Samoan</b> O outou o tigaina Tepa tonu ia lesu; Lona alofa tele lava E maua ai le filemu.	4. <b>English</b> Take my silver and my gold Not a mite would I withhold. 5. <b>Fijian</b> Take my intellect, and use Every power as thou shalt choose.
3.	<b>Tongan</b> Sisu, ke ke ma'u ma'au 'Eku ngaahi mea kotoa;	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.
<b>Amine</b>	<b>Amen.</b>

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