



Wesley Methodist Church

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Sunday 28 June 2026

5th Sunday after Pentecost

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
Sunday 28 June 2026
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Leader: Kolosaini Taulata Organist: Vivien Chiu

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

SAFETY BRIEFING

CALL TO WORSHIP

E te Atua, God of Abraham and Sarah,
God of the mountains and the valleys,
You call us to walk in trust.

People:

We come with open hearts,
seeking your presence and your provision.

Leader:

When the journey feels heavy,
when the future feels uncertain—

People:

You are the God who provides.

Leader:

Gather us, Holy Spirit.
Lift our eyes to see your goodness.

All:

On the mountain of the Lord, it shall be provided.
Amen.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

Leader:

As we light this candle, loving God,
we pause in your presence.

People:

Shine your light among us.

Leader:

Let this small flame remind us
that your light is never overwhelmed,
not by fear, not by sorrow,
not by the challenges we carry.

People:

Shine your light within us.

Leader:

May this candle be a sign of Christ,
our guide in the darkness,
our warmth in the cold,
our hope in every season.

People:

Shine your light through us.

Leader:

Bless this moment, O God.
Settle our spirits,
open our hearts,
and draw us into your peace.

All: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER:

God of grace and faithfulness,
You meet us in the places of testing
and you speak life where fear tries to take hold.
As we gather today, steady our hearts,
renew our courage, and remind us that your
provision is always near.
May our worship honour you
and strengthen us for the journey ahead.

Amen.

HYMN [HIMENE] - GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS (H&P 66)**Verse 1**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever will be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed thy hand hath provided—
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Verse 2

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

Verse 3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
We confess that we do not always trust you.
We hold tightly to what we fear losing.
We hesitate when you call us forward.
We forget your faithfulness in our past
and doubt your provision for our future.
Forgive us.
Lift our eyes.
Renew our faith.
Teach us to walk with you

in courage, humility, and love.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Hear the good news: God does not abandon us in our fear.

God provides what we need, and God leads us into life.

In Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 22:1-14

Matthew 10:40-42

SERMON

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Leader:

God of Abraham and Sarah,

God who provides,

For those facing tests of faith:

Strengthen them with courage and peace.

For families carrying heavy burdens:

Provide support, rest, and hope.

For Pacific communities across Aotearoa:

**Bless our elders, empower our youth,
and guide us in unity and love.**

For Māori and Pākehā relationships:
**Deepen our commitment to Te Tiriti,
to justice, partnership, and healing.**

For the world in conflict and uncertainty:
Bring peace, wisdom, and compassion.

For the church:
**Teach us to walk by faith
and to trust Your provision.**

All:
Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
Amen.

THE LORDS PRAYER

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi,
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tāu e pai ai
ki runga i te whenua,
kia rite ano ki tō 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 whakawaia;

engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino.
Nou hoki te rangatiratanga,
te kaha, me te korōria,
Āke, ake, ake. Āmine.

HYMN [HIMENE]: HOW GREAT THOU ART

- 1.** O Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the works
Thy hands have made
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout
The universe displayed!

Refrain

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

- 2.** And when I think
That God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die,
I scarce can take it in -
That on the cross,
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died

To take away my sin!

Refrain

- 3.** When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home,
What joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim,
My God, how great Thou art!

Refrain

NOTICES & OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, everything we have comes from you.
As Abraham offered what was most precious, we offer our
gifts, our time and our hearts
Use them for your purpose and for the flourishing of your
people. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Loving God,
We bring before you the needs of your world and your people.
For places facing conflict, hardship, or fear,
speak your peace and guide all who work for justice.
For our nation, our communities, and our Pacific homelands,

bring unity, strength, and hope.

For the Church, here and everywhere,
renew our faith and help us to trust your presence in every
storm.

For all who are sick, grieving, anxious, or weary,
surround them with your comfort and healing.

And for each of us, Lord,
calm our hearts and lead us in Your peace.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN [HIMENE]: Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah (H&P 437)

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.
2. Open thou the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still 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
I will ever give to Thee.

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE

BLESSING/ BENEDICTION

Go now in the peace of Christ,
who walks with you on every mountain.
Go in the love of God,
who provides what you need.
Go in the power of the Holy Spirit,
who lifts your eyes and strengthens your steps.
And may the blessing of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
Be with you and remain with you
today and always.

Amen.

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<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/resources/lectionary/sunday-28-june-2026>

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