

# Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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**26 July 2026 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost**

## *Welcome!*

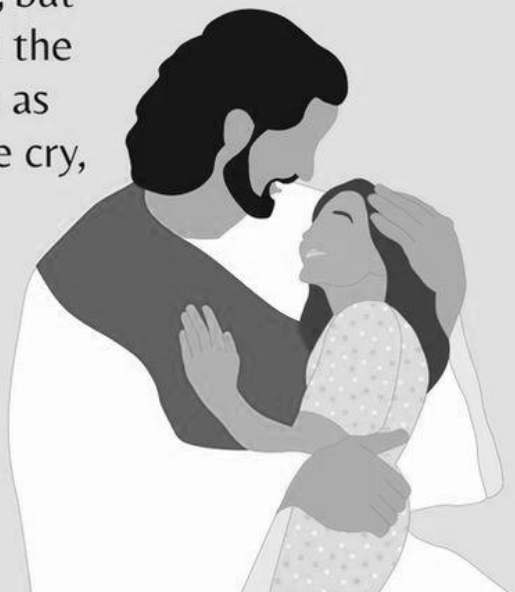
*Whether you come often, haven't been for a while or you're new,  
we are glad you are here today. We are all one in God.*

*Everyone here is seeking to know God better,  
and we're glad you have joined us on this journey.*

For you did not receive  
the spirit of slavery to  
fall back into fear, but  
you have received the  
Spirit of adoption as  
sons, by whom we cry,  
“Abba! Father!”

Romans 8:15

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Offerings of money for the work of this parish, money for the Dunedin Night Shelter, and goods for Presbyterian Support's Food Bank may be left in the offering bag, dish, or basket (as appropriate) on the trolley near the door, either before or after the service. Offerings may also be made electronically – ask to talk to our Treasurer.

*Please consult the Minister or worship leader  
before taking photographs or other recordings during a service,  
in accordance with the church media policy displayed in the Morrison Lounge.*

## Service of Worship June 28th, 2026

### Call to Worship

Anei te rā o te Atua

This is the day that the Lord has made

**Me koa tatou kua mārama**

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Please stand as the Bible is carried in and for the hymn)*

### Hymn Christ Before Me

Christ before me, Christ behind me

Christ above me and below

Christ beside me, Christ within me

Christ around me where'er I go

*Everything is sacred*

*Everything is blessed*

*Everyone made worthy*

*To find their holy rest*

*Everyone belongs here*

*Everyone is loved*

*Every life that's failing*

*Grace will lift above*

Christ before you, Christ behind you

Christ above you and below

Christ beside you, Christ within you

Christ around you where'er you go

*Chorus*

Christ before us, Christ behind us

Christ above us and below

Christ beside us, Christ within us

Christ around us where'er we go

*Chorus*

*Music and Lyrics: Malcolm Gordon, Inspired by 'St Patrick's Breastplate'*

## Prayer

### The Peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou;

The Peace of Christ be with you all

**A ki a koe anō hoki. And also with you**

*we exchange a sign of peace with each other*

**Community Time** – welcome, notices, anniversaries

Birthday greetings today.

May God bless you we pray.

Live for Jesus dear [name or friends],

May he guide you always.

## Chat Time

**Children's Hymn**    E te Ariki

E te Ariki,

whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

E te Ariki,

titiro mai rā ki a mātou

tēnei mātou ō tamariki.

E whakaponono ana mātou

ki a koe.

Auē, auē

te Matua, te Tamaiti,

Wairua Tapu e

te Matua, te Tamaiti,

Wairua Tapu e.

*Traditional, Hope is Our Song 23.*

*please stand for the Offertory Prayer.*

## **Offertory Prayer**

**Loving God, we ask your blessing on these gifts,  
On us who give them, and on those who benefit from them.  
We ask your blessing on the work of our community here.  
Help us to serve you faithfully and well, in Jesus' name, Amen.**

## **Bible Reading**

Romans 8:12-25

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

***Thanks be to God.***

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn**            Just a Mustard Seed of Faith

Just a mustard seed of faith will do  
To plant a fruiting tree  
In the salt and bitter sea;  
Just a mustard seed will do.  
There are orchards waiting there  
To be born to ocean air;  
Set them growing fresh and green.  
Just a tiny mustard seed,  
That is all the faith we need  
To transform our daily scene.

Just a mustard seed of faith will do  
To remove a mountain side,  
Toss it far into the tide;  
Just a mustard seed will do.  
There are pathways to be made,  
There are highways to be laid:  
See them stretching far away.  
Just a tiny mustard seed,  
That is all the faith we need  
To create an open way.

Just a mustard seed of faith will do.

Watch it grow into a tree  
Standing tall for all to see;  
Just a mustard seed will do.  
In its canopy and shade  
Birds may shelter; nests be made;  
Plant the seed and clear the ground.  
Just a tiny mustard seed,  
That is all the faith we need  
To turn the world around.

*Colin Gibson, Hope Is Our Song 82*

## **Intercessory Prayer**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### **Hymn            Song of Faith**

Song of faith that sings forever  
Through God's people, ages long,  
Word that holds the world together  
When our hearts take up the song,  
Always, always somewhere sounding,  
Though the source we do not see,  
Counterpoint to all despairing,  
It is hope that sets the key.

Song of faith in exultation,  
Rising through the vaults of prayer,  
Tune of simple celebration  
Offered up in open air,  
Song in chapel and cathedral,

Descant to our daily tone,  
Song from sickbed or in prison:  
Faith must often sing alone.

And when life would overwhelm us,  
When there seems no song to sing,  
Hear the constant voice of courage  
Out of fear and suffering:  
All who've loved and trusted Jesus,  
All who lift us to be strong,  
Endless, endless are the voices  
Of the faith that makes the song.

*Shirley Murray, Faith Forever Singing 57*

**Benediction** Now As We Go

Now as we go, kind Spirit keep us,  
In all we see, Christ be our focus,  
In all we do, his story shape us,  
That we may grow  
To God's good purpose.

Now as we go, sister and brother,  
Give us good care one of the other,  
More hope to share,  
More strength to gather,  
More life to know in faith together.

*Shirley Murray Alleluia Aotearoa 99*

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*Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea after the service –  
through the door at the back of the church.*

**Today's service was brought to you by**  
**Leading the Service:** The Rev. Clare Lind  
**Door Duty:** Ranby Family  
**Music:** Music Group  
**Readings:** Benjamin Thew  
**Prayers:** Sanel Tomlinson  
**Sound and Data Projector:** Sanel Tomlinson  
**Morning Tea:** Judy Rodda and Jane Millichamp  
**Church and Hall Cleaning:** Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson

### **Opportunities for ministry week ending 2 August**

**Door Duty:** Daniel Larsen and Michael Ovens  
**Music:** David Murray  
**Readings:** Maurice Andrew  
**Sound and Data Projector:** Benjamin Thew  
**Morning Tea:** Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson  
**Church and Hall Cleaning:** Miriam Vollweiler and Chris Young

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### **Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church**

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| 2 August ~ Sunday     | 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion             |
| 9 August ~ Sunday     | 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Carol Grant                       |
| 12 August ~ Wednesday | 7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Minister's Office |
| 13 August ~ Thursday  | 2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge                    |
| 16 August ~ Sunday    | 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind                        |
| 18 August ~ Tuesday   | 7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge  |
| 20 August ~ Thursday  | Material due for September <i>Opoho Signal</i>               |
| 23 August ~ Sunday    | 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Brendon McRae                     |
| 27 August ~ Thursday  | 7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge                   |

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| 30 August ~ Sunday      | 10 a.m.: Worship, Jane Bloore                                                                                                   |
| 6 September ~ Sunday    | 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Quarterly Communion                                                                      |
| 9 September ~ Wednesday | 7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Minister's Office                                                                    |
| 10 September ~ Thursday | 2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge                                                                                       |
| 13 September ~ Sunday   | 10 a.m.: Worship, Marian Weaver                                                                                                 |
| 19 September ~ Saturday | Church Fair                                                                                                                     |
| 20 September ~ Sunday   | 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind Material due for October <i>Opoho Signal</i>                                              |
| 24 September ~ Thursday | 7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge                                                                                      |
| 27 September ~ Sunday   | Daylight saving begins – clocks go <i>forward</i> one hour<br>10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, followed by a shared lunch |

### Keeping in Touch

If you would like to be emailed about church news and coming events, please give your email address to the Parish Clerk, Hamish Spencer, or email him at [opohoclerk@gmail.com](mailto:opohoclerk@gmail.com)

