

# Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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**3 May 2026 – 5th Sunday of Easter – Communion**

*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.*



Offerings of money for the work of this parish, money for the Dunedin Night Shelter, and goods for Presbyterian Support's Foodbank 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.

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## Call to Worship

E te whānau a Te Karaiti,                      *Brothers and sisters in Christ,*  
ngā mihi aroha ki a tatou katoa.           *warm greetings to you all.*  
**Kia ora tatou.**                                      *Hello to you all.*  
Kia noho a Ihowā ki a koutou.              *The Lord be with you.*  
**Mā Ihowā koe a manaaki.**                  *The Lord bless you.*

*We sing as the Bible is carried in.*

## Hymn WOV 383 Stand up and bless the Lord

## 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, news, anniversaries, etc.

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 words and music Stan Stewart, *Hope Is Our Song* 16

Christians are all kinds of people,  
they're average, they're short and they're tall,  
from all kinds of backgrounds, with all kinds of outlooks,  
our gracious God uses them all.  
Christians are all kinds of people,  
not even especially good,  
but God's love is mighty and that is what counts,  
with mercy as wide as the sea: it reaches to you and to me.

Christians are all kinds of people,  
they're smilers, they're grouches, they're clowns;  
in all kinds of weather, whenever they gather,  
you'll find every kind of them round.  
Christians are all kinds of people,  
and sometimes all kinds are in me,  
but God's love is mighty and that is what counts,  
with mercy as wide as the sea: it reaches to you and to me.

God uses all kinds of people,  
the black and the pale and the tan,  
newborn and the aged, the fit and disabled,  
they all play a part in the plan.  
God uses all kinds of people,  
with problems, with hang-ups and scars,  
but God's love is mighty and that is what counts,  
with mercy as wide as the sea: it reaches to you and to me.

*Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.*

### **Offertory Prayer**

**We bring our gifts to you, Lord God,  
in gratitude and hope.  
In dedicating them, we dedicate ourselves again  
to be your people in the world,  
in the strength and enabling power  
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Bible Reading** *Philippians 1:1-11*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** Paul and the Philippian Church

**Communion Hymn** words Marty Haugen,  
tune *Two Oaks* CH4 198 vv.1-3

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive;  
built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
*all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
*all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space,  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
*all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

...

Let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:  
**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.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...

And so, we join our praise to the praises of heaven and of earth:

**Holy, holy, holy, 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 name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

...

He promised to be with those who met in his name:

**This we believe.**

He promised to hear the prayers of faithful people:

**This we believe.**

He said that in the communion of the bread and wine

he would be present to us as we remember him:

**This we celebrate.**

## **Breaking of the Bread and Distribution**

*Communion is open to all who wish to receive it.*

*We have gluten-free bread and use unfermented grape juice.*

## **Prayer**

Generous and faithful God, you have fed us at your table.

May the nourishment we have received

enable us to enrich the lives of others

wherever we may go from here.

**Whether the future be dark or bright,  
the road be smooth or rough,  
whether our cares be light or heavy,  
our song be strong or weak,  
keep our hearts warm and our hands open,  
our lives ever embracing  
and ever embraced by your love. Amen**

**Hymn** words Carol Rose Ikeler, tune *The Bard of Armagh* CH4 522

The Church is wherever God's people are praising,  
knowing they're wanted and loved by their Lord.  
The Church is wherever Christ's followers are trying  
to live and to share out the good news of God.

The Church is wherever God's people are loving,  
where all are forgiven and start once again,  
where all are accepted, whatever their background,  
whatever their past and whatever their pain.

The Church is wherever God's people are seeking  
to reach out and touch folk wherever they are –  
conveying the Gospel, its joy and its comfort,  
to challenge, refresh, and excite and inspire.

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**Benediction** words Ian Jamieson, tune *Ae Fond Kiss* CH4 786 (x2)

May the God of peace go with us  
as we travel from this place;  
may the love of Jesus keep us  
firm in hope and full of grace.

*After the service, please place your empty communion glass*

*in the container on the trolley at the back of the church.*

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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:** Jenny Bunce and Marian Weaver

**Music:** David Murray

**Readings:** Jane Bloore

**Sound and Data Projector:** Kieran Somerville

**Morning Tea:** Judy Rodda and Kirk Hamilton

**Church and Hall Cleaning:** Allison and Will Mulder

**Opportunities for ministry week ending 10 May**

**Door Duty:** Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson

**Music:** David Murray

**Readings:** Andrew Smith

**Prayers:** Marian Weaver

**Sound and Data Projector:** John Roxborough

**Morning Tea:** Jane Bloore and Christine Cleugh

**Church Cleaning:** Andrew Smith

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## **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)

## Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

3 May ~ Sunday	After morning tea: lectio divina*
5 May ~ Tuesday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
10 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Benjamin Thew*
13 May ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Minister's Office
14 May ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
17 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Mary Somerville*
20 May ~ Wednesday	Material due for June <i>Opoho Signal</i>
24 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind*
28 May ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
31 May ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Russell Thew*
1 June ~ Monday	King's Birthday – public holiday
5 June ~ Tuesday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
7 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Quarterly Communion
10 June ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Minister's Office
11 June ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
14 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Benjamin Thew
20 June ~ Saturday	Material due for June <i>Opoho Signal</i>
21 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
25 June ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
28 June ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind

\* *Listening to the Word* – on the Sundays in May, after church and morning tea, Mark Ranby and Clare Lind will be leading another lectio divina, using passages from Paul's letter to the Philippian church.

