

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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12 July 2026 – 7th 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.*



“A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path and birds came and ate it up.”

(Matthew 13:3,4)

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.***

Welcome

Opening Prayer *(based on Matthew 13:1-9)*

O God,
We gather together in Your presence with expectation,
hungry for an encounter with You,
eager to hear Your Word.
Open our eyes and ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit.
May the seeds of Your Word scattered among us this morning
fall on fertile soil.
May they take root in our hearts and lives,
and produce an abundant harvest
of good words and deeds.
We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our teacher and our Lord.
Amen.

Please stand as the Bible is carried in and for the first hymn.

Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth*, Words: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint;
Tune: *Lucerna Laudoniae*, composed by David Evans (*With One Voice* 77)

Forgiveness and Assurance

Hymn Words: David Evans CH4 189

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found –
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned;
how awesome is the sight –
our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace:
no work too hard for him –
in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

The Peace

Kia tāu tonu te rangimārie o te Ariki ki a koutou.
May the peace of Christ be with you.
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

Hymn Words and music: Abby Smith; Tune: *Ambling*

Not on a horse with a spear and a crown,
not in a limousine shining through town,
not with a glorious sweeping gold gown –
Peace comes walking, slow and still and simple.
Peace comes walking, walking.

Not in a thunderclap, not with a shout,
not with big glistening angels about,
not with a recipe ending all doubt –
Joy comes walking, slow and still and simple.
Joy comes walking, walking.

Not with a map that shows just where you are,
not in a bottle, a tube or a jar,
not on a scooter or in a race car,
Love comes walking, slow and still and simple.
Love comes walking, walking.

Offering Prayer

Heavenly Father, you have given us riches beyond measure.
We can only return a fraction of what we owe you;
but we ask, Lord, that you help us to scatter these seeds of blessing in our offerings and help us to use them wisely in your service and for your glory. Amen

Gospel Reading *Matthew 13:1-9 & 18-23*

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.

Sermon *Who is Sowing?*

Hymn Words: Frederick Pratt Green; Tune: *East Acklam* CH4 231

For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for the gifts of every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvest we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Intercessory Prayer

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 Words and music © Colin Gibson (*Hope is Our Song* 88)

*Let our love shine out
through the day and in the darkness,
let our love shine out
to the glory of the Lord.*

For the outer and the inner,
for the saint and for the sinner;
in Christ our love be given
for the healing of the world.

*Let our goodwill show
through the day and in the darkness,
let our goodwill show
to the glory of the Lord.*

For the righteous and the wrongful,
for the silent and the songful;
in Christ our will is working
for the healing of the world.

*Let our prayers be heard
through the day and in the darkness,
let our prayers be heard
to the glory of the Lord.*

For the wealthy and the needy,
for the wretched and the greedy;
in Christ our prayers are offered
for the healing of the world.

*Let our deeds be done through
the day and in the darkness,
let our deeds be done
to the glory of the Lord.*

For the same and for the other,
for our sister and our brother;
in Christ our actions focus
on the healing of the world.

*Let our peace be shared through
the day and in the darkness,
let our peace be shared
to the glory of the Lord.*

With the fearful and the fighter,
with the smitten and the smiter,
in Christ all peace be practised
for the healing of the world.

*Let our love shine out
through the day and in the darkness,
let our love shine out
to the glory of the Lord.*

Blessing Words © Joy Cowley; Music © Ian Render (*Alleluia Aotearoa* 95)

May the mystery of God enfold us,
may the wisdom of God uphold us,
may the fragrance of God be around us,
may the brightness of God surround us,
may the wonder of God renew us,
may the loving of God flow through us,
may the peace of God deeply move us,
may the moving of God bring us peace.

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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: Mary Somerville

Door Duty: Jane Bloore and Jane Millichamp

Music: David Murray

Readings: Daniel Larsen

Prayers: John Roxborough

Sound and Data Projector: Benjamin Thew

Morning Tea: Marian Weaver and Daniel Larsen

Church Cleaning: Benjamin Thew

Hall Cleaning: Christine Cleugh

Opportunities for ministry week ending 19 July

Door Duty: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson

Music: David Murray

Readings: Rudie Tomlinson

Prayers: Marian Weaver

Sound and Data Projector: John Roxborough

Morning Tea: Shona and Philip Somerville

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Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

19 July ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Benjamin Thew
20 July ~ Monday	Material due for August <i>Opoho Signal</i>
23 July ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
26 July ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
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, Morrison Lounge
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
30 August ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Jane Bloore

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



"Plant the seeds of love, joy,
peace, hope, kindness,
and faith."

(Roy T. Bennett,
The Light in the Heart)