

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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17 May 2026 – 7th Sunday of Easter

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.*

*you are
enough.
-God*

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.

*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

Call to Worship

Come everybody, gather to worship.

Everybody's welcome, God is here!

Come if you're weary, hungry or thirsty.

Everybody's welcome, God is here!

Bring your rejoicing, dancing and singing.

Everybody's welcome, God is here!

Bring all your failures, questions and sorrows.

Everybody's welcome, God is here!

All shapes and sizes, faces and backgrounds.

Everybody's welcome, God is here!

All to the glory of Jesus our Saviour.

Everybody's welcome, God is here!

Opening Prayer

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

Song words and music © Marty Haugen CH4 198 vv.1,2,4,5

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 hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Forgiveness and Assurance

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

Hymn words and music by Brian M. Howard

If I were a butterfly
I'd thank you Lord for giving me wings.
If I were a robin in a tree
I'd thank you Lord that I could sing.
If I were a fish in the sea
I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee.
But I just thank you Father for making me, me

*For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile,
You gave me Jesus and you made me your child,
and I just thank you Father for making me, me.*

If I were an elephant
I'd thank you Lord by raising my trunk.
If I were a kangaroo
You know I'd hop right up to you.
If I were an octopus
I'd thank you, Lord, for my fine looks.
But I just thank you Father for making me, me.

If I were a wiggly worm
I'd thank you Lord that I could squirm.
If I were a fuzzy, wuzzy bear
I'd thank you, Lord, for my fuzzy, wuzzy hair.
If I were a crocodile
I'd thank you, Lord, for my great smile.
But I just thank you Father for making me, me

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

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

Bible Readings *2 Corinthians 12:9-10 and Psalm 139:13-16*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon *We are enough in Christ*

Hymn words and music Deirdre Browne *Together in Song* 693

Come as you are: that's how I want you.

Come as you are; feel quite at home,
close to my heart, loved and forgiven.

Come as you are: why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits;
no need to fear, love never ends;
don't run away shamed and disheartened,
rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the righteous;
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are: that's how I love you;
come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you;
all will be well, just come as you are.

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 Shirley Murray, tune *Kotuku* AA 113

Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons
why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow,
for there's a connection with our resurrection
that flowers will bud after frost and snow,
*so there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*

There's a time to be planting, a time to be plucking,
a time to be laughing, a time to weep,
a time to be building, a time to be breaking,
a time to be waking, a time to sleep,
but there's never a time ...

There's a time to be hurting, a time to be healing,
a time to be saving, a time to spend,
a time to be grieving, a time to be dancing,
a time for beginning, a time to end,
but there's never a time ...

Benediction based on Jude vv. 24-25, music Olive Wood AA 102

Now unto him who is able to keep,
able to keep you from falling,
and present you faultless
before the presence of his glory
with exceeding joy;
to the only wise God our Saviour,
be glory and majesty,
dominion and power
both now and for ever. Amen.

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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: Benjamin Thew and Daniel Larsen
Music: Alan Baker
Readings: Benjamin Thew
Prayers: Andrew Smith
Sound and Data Projector: John Roxborough
Morning Tea: Judy Rodda and Kirk Hamilton
Church Cleaning: Andrew Smith
Hall Cleaning: Daniel Larsen

Opportunities for ministry week ending 24 May

Door Duty: Shona and Philip Somerville
Music: David Murray
Readings: Philip Somerville
Prayers: Sanel Tomlinson
Sound and Data Projector: Benjamin Thew
Morning Tea: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson
Church Cleaning: Judy Rodda and Kirk Hamilton
Hall Cleaning: Susan Wall

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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



Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

17 May ~ Sunday	After morning tea: lectio divina*
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 July <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 a lectio divina, using passages from Paul's letter to the Philippian church.

University of Otago Inaugural Professorial Lecture



Professor John Stenhouse

Science, Religion and History: Some Reflections

Thursday 21 May, 5.30-7 p.m.

Burns 2 Lecture Theatre

Go to <https://www.otago.ac.nz/news/events/inaugural-professorial-lecture-professor-john-stenhouse> for further details and link to livestream.