

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

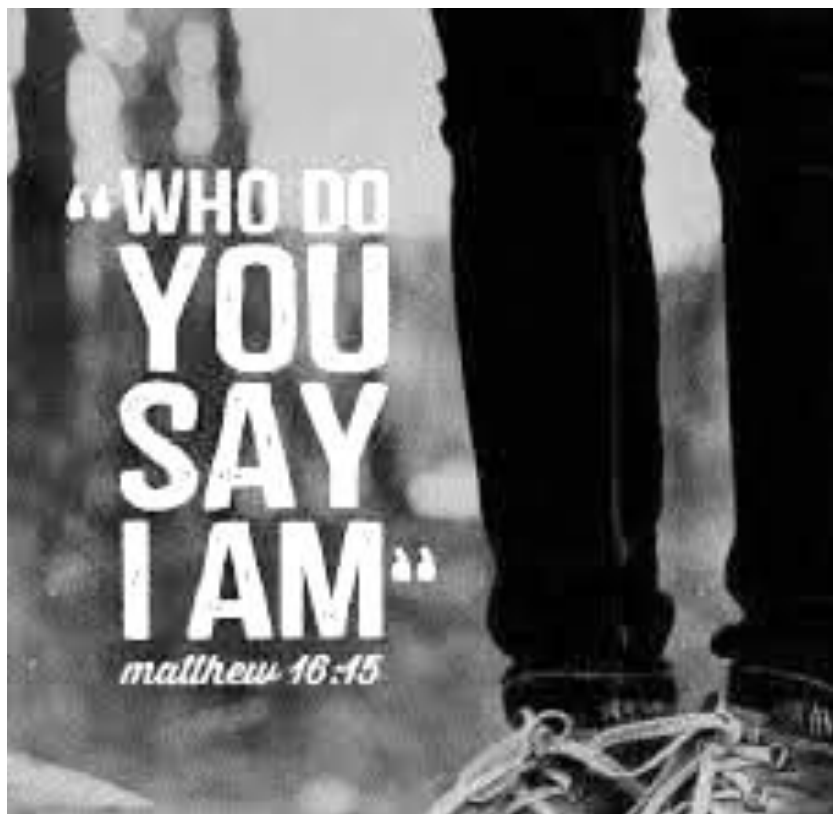
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23 August 2026 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

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.*



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.*

Call to Worship

Today we ask for faith that will open our eyes
to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth.
People of God, we come before God with our whole body!

We open our eyes to see his glory.

We open our ears to hear his wisdom.

We open our hands to offer him gifts.

We open our mouths to sing his praise.

**We open our hearts to offer him our love
and we do that by singing!**

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

Hymn words John Bell and Graham Maule,
tune *Gaelic Traditional Melody* CH4 510, vv.1-3

Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit, who among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of life and Lord of all,
sharer of our flesh and frailness,
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other,
vastly different though we are;
creed and colour, class and gender
neither limit nor debar.

Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.

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 *Psalm 151 (The Animal Version)*

When the hen gives a cluck, and there's a quack from a duck,
they are telling the glory of God.

Ev'ry roar, ev'ry snore, from the lion or the boar,
it is praise to the Maker of all.

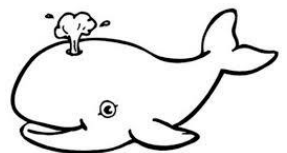
*Hear the miaowing and the howling, hear the trumpet call,
the snort, and the bark and the hiss,*

*All around us there's a chorus, from the bison to the walrus,
that is sounding the praises of God.*

From the whales in the seas to the wild chimpanzees,
they are telling the glory of God.

From the frog in the pond to the spider on fern frond,
they bring praise to the Maker of all.

Chorus



With a peal on a bell, with a cheer or a yell,
we can sound out the glory of God.

With a bong on a gong, through the words of this song,
we bring praise to the Maker of all.

Chorus

Adapted by Clare Lind from Colin Gibson's
With a Hoot and a Toot AA 61; verse 3 Colin Gibson

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

Bible Reading *Matthew 16:13-20*

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn Psalm 23, words from Scottish Psalter 1650,

tune *Brother James's Air*, CH4 16

(repeat last two lines of each verse)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green: he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will i fear none ill:
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.

Intercessory Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *sung*

Our Father in heaven,
holy be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Do not put us to the test,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and forever.
Amen, amen, amen, amen,
amen, amen, amen, amen.

words ICET translation, tune Richard Gillard and John Smith, WOV 676

Hymn words Sebastian Temple, tune *Prayer of St Francis* CH4 528

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, let me bring your light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek...

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life. *(no refrain)*

Benediction

**Kia tau ki a tātou katoa
te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki,
o Ihu Karaiti
me te aroha o te Atua
me te whiwhingātahitanga
ki te Wairua Tapu, āke, āke, āke. Āmine.**

*Let the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
rest on us all for ever and 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.*

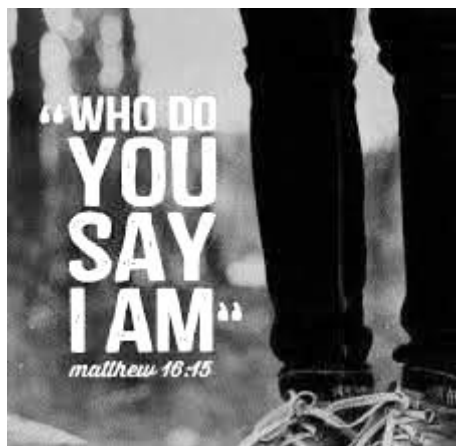


Today's service was brought to you by
Leading the Service: The Rev. Brendon McRae
Door Duty: Jane Millichamp and Andrew Smith
Music: David Murray
Readings: Marian Weaver
Prayers: Benjamin Thew
Sound and Data Projector: Benjamin Thew
Morning Tea: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson
Church Cleaning: Jane Bloore
Hall Cleaning: Susan Wall

Opportunities for ministry week ending 30 August

Door Duty: Shona and Philip Somerville
Music: Music Group
Readings: Shona Somerville
Prayers: Mary Somerville
Sound and Data Projector: Benjamin Thew
Morning Tea: Sarah and Tom Ranby and Marian Weaver
Church and Hall Cleaning: Allison Mulder

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Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

27 August ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
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 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

