

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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24 September 2023 – 17th 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.*



SEASON OF CREATION

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

This morning on our way to church
we have passed trees in leaf and blossom, and bulbs in flower.
All around us things are bursting into life.

We give glory to the Lord of life for this newness.

We rejoice in the work of God's hands.

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

Hymn Psalm 8, words John L. Bell, tune *Tramps and Hawkers* CH4 5

O Lord, our Lord, throughout the earth
how glorious is your name,
and glorious too where unseen heavens
your majesty proclaim.

On infant lips, in children's song
a strong defence you raise
to counter enemy and threat,
and foil the rebel's ways.

When I look up and see the stars
which your own fingers made,
and wonder at the moon and stars
each perfectly displayed;
then I must ask, 'Why do you care?
Why love humanity?
And why keep every mortal name
Fixed in your memory?'

Yet such as us you made and meant
just less than gods to be;
with honour and with glory, Lord,
you crowned humanity.

And then dominion you bestowed
for all made by your hand,
all sheep and cattle, birds and fish
that move through sea and land.

Coda:

O Lord, our Lord, throughout the earth
How glorious is your name!

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.

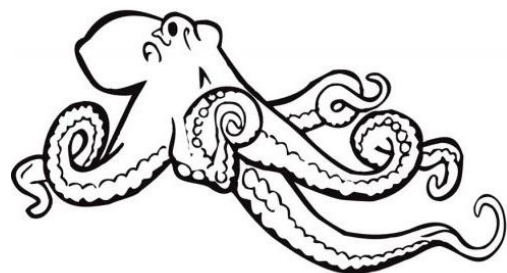
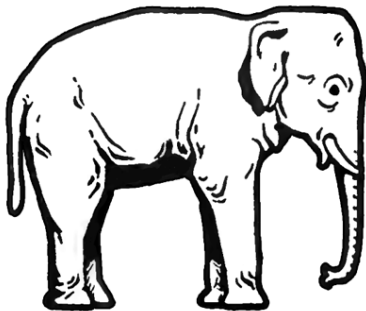
Live for Jesus dear [name *or* friends],

May he guide you always.

Chat Time The Magic Jugs (from *The Three Princes of Serendip: New Tellings of Old Tales* by Rodaan Al Galidi)

Children's Hymn words and music Colin Gibson AA 76

I've never seen an elephant, and an elephant's never seen me.
I can't swing like a monkey can from the branch of a tropical tree.
I don't roar like a lion does, but a lion can't read my books;
I'm not as huge as a hippo is, but a hippo hasn't my looks.
*Thank you God, thank you God, for it's very plain to see,
that the animals like the way they are, and I'm glad that I like me.*



I've never met an octopus, and no octopus ever met me.
I can't dive like a dolphin does through the waves of an indigo sea.
I can't flop like a flounder can, or sing like a whale in the blue;
I can't leap like a flying fish, but the fish can't think like I do.
*Thank you God, thank you God, for it's very plain to see
that the fish all like the way they are, and I'm glad that I like me.*

I've never heard a mocking-bird, and a mocking-bird's never heard me.
I can't climb like a sky lark climbs, or nest on the top of a tree.
I don't hold what a peli-can, but a pelican cannot cry;
I can dream of an aeroplane even though I cannot fly.
*Thank you God, thank you God, for it's very plain to see,
that the birds all like the way they are, and I'm glad that I like me.*

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

**Lord of all we see, Lord of all we hear,
Lord of all we sense, Lord of all we are,
Everything we have is gift from you.
We bring these gifts in thanksgiving
and we bring ourselves as well.
Shape us, that we too, might be a gift from you
to those around us.
We ask in Jesus' name. Amen**

lines 1-2 from Fragrant Offering, John Birch

Eco Talk Marian Weaver

God Created – an Opoho Church combined poem for
the Season of Creation

Bible Reading Psalm 29

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

Sermon

Hymn words and music Cecily Sheehy, AA 137

*The kingdom is within you, the kingdom is within you.
Why do we go searching for the answers of the mighty?
The kingdom is within you, the kingdom is within you.
Like a little seed planted in the ground, let it grow.*

I will set my face to the wind,
scatter my handful of seed on high.
Needn't have to worry where the great wind takes it;
seeds will grow wherever they're planted.
All we need is courage to keep on facing the wind. *Refrain*

I will set my hand to the plough;
don't look back, it's too late now.
The fulness of the kingdom is not quite yet,
but the seed of the kingdom is here and now.
Don't split the seed; be patient, let it grow. *Refrain*

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 WOV 626 Lord of all being

Benediction words Shirley Murray, *Hope Is Our Song* 35

Go gently, go lightly,
go safe in the Spirit,
live simply, don't carry
much more than you need:
go trusting God's goodness,
go spreading God's kindness,
stay centered on Jesus
and where he will lead.

Go singing, go bringing
the gifts of the Spirit,
go hopefully searching
for things that are true:
in living, in loving,
whatever befalls you,
God keep you, God bless you
in all that you do.

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Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea in the Morrison Lounge and/or Hall 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: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson
Music: Music Group
Reading: Jane Bloore
Prayers: Daniel Larsen
Sound and Data Projector: Hamish Spencer
Flowers: Shona Somerville
Morning Tea: Philip and Shona Somerville
Church Cleaning: Fiona Stirling
Hall Cleaning: Christine Cleugh

Opportunities for ministry week ending 1 October

Door Duty: Mary and John Somerville
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Readings: Andrew Smith
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Flowers: Fiona Stirling
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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

Grounds Working Bee



We have a grounds working bee planned for **Saturday 14 October 9 a.m.-12 noon** inclusive of morning tea – bring garden trowel, spade, secateurs, loppers etc. for tidying up and planting of some shrubs. Morning tea and time for a chat a key part of the event.



**Dunedin electorate political forum, in the church
Sunday 8 October 7 p.m.**

Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

1 October ~ Sunday	8.30-9.30 a.m.: Pastoral Visitors' breakfast, Morrison Lounge 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, World Communion Sunday
8 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Paul Ranby 7 p.m.: Dunedin electorate political forum, in the church
11 October ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
14 October ~ Saturday	9 a.m.-12 noon: Working bee in grounds
15 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, followed by Annual Meeting
19 October ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
20 October ~ Friday	Material due for November <i>Opoho Signal</i>
22 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
23 October ~ Monday	Labour Day – public holiday
26 October ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
29 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Anne Thomson
5 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion
8 November ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
9 November ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
12 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Jane Bloore, Remembrance Sunday
16 November ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
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Note: There will be no Fellowship meeting in October.