

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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**6 September 2026 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation – Quarterly 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 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

The daffodils are in flower,
There are fresh leaves unfolding on the trees.
The grass is beginning to grow again.

**In this season of spring, as we become aware of the world
renewing itself around us,
may we be open to the renewing of God within us. Amen.**

We sing as the Bible is carried in.

Hymn WOV 77 For the beauty of the Earth

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 *Julie Mander – Time Capsule*

Hymn words Shirley Murray (alt.), verse 1 by Opoho Church kids,
music Jim Strathdee FFS 65

These wings that fly, these tails that splash,
these eyes that spy, these waves that crash,
this earth that spins, these seas so vast,
this star that shines, this time so fast,

this thread I weave, this step I dance,
this stone I carve, this ball I bounce,
this nail I drive, this pearl I string,
this flag I wave, this note I sing,

this pot I shape, this fire I light,
this fence I leap, this bone I knit,
this seed I nurse, this rift I mend,
this child I raise, this earth I tend,

this gift I give, this march I join,
this faith I live, this truth I sign,
this is small part, in one small place,
of one heart's beat for one great Peace.

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

**Loving God,
for the good that you are to this community,
and for the good that you do through this community,
we give you thanks.
Bless our offering of these gifts and our offering of our service,
that each may work your good,
we ask in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.**

Bible Reading *Genesis 2:5-9 &15-23 & Genesis 3:17-19*

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

Sermon

Communion Hymn words Shirley Murray, tune *Talavera Terrace* AA 127

Take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter,
gave me life and set me free,
now, because your love has touched me,
I have love to give away,
now the bread of love is rising,
loaves of love to multiply!

Take the fruit that I have gathered
from the tree your Spirit sowed,
harvest of your own compassion,
juice that makes the wine of God,
spiced with humour, laced with laughter –
flavour of the Jesus life,
tang of risk and new adventure,
taste and zest beyond belief.

Take whatever I can offer –
gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen,
talents of the hand and mind,
things made beautiful for others
in the place where I must be:
take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me.

You are welcome.
Come and be satisfied with the blessing
of God's loving kindness towards you

**Lord Jesus, we come to you not because it is the thing to do
but because we have been stirred by your grace and truth,
and our hearts are restless until we find our rest in you.**

Prayer of Consecration ...

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Bearer of our sin,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world
grant us your peace.

The 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

**Lord God, Creator of light,
at the rising of your sun each morning,
let the greatest of all lights – your love –
rise, like the sun, and shine within our hearts. Amen.**

Hymn words © Shirley Murray, music Douglas Mews AA 41

For the music of creation,
for the song your Spirit sings,
for your sound's divine expression,
burst of joy in living things:
God, our God, the world's composer,
hear us, echoes of your voice:
music is your art, your glory,
let the human heart rejoice!

Psalms and symphonies exalt you,
drum and trumpet, string and reed,
simple melodies acclaim you,
tunes that rise from deepest need,
hymns of longing and belonging,
carols from a cheerful throat,
lilt of lullaby and lovesong
catching heaven in a note.

All the voices of the ages
in transcendent chorus meet,
worship lifting up the senses,
hands that praise, and dancing feet;
over discord and division
music speaks your joy and peace,
harmony of earth and heaven,
song of God that cannot cease!

Benediction *said together*

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ,
the light of the world to you.
Deep peace of Christ to you. Amen.

*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 Gregor Macaulay
Music: David Murray
Readings: Andrew Smith
Sound and Data Projector: Sanel Tomlinson
Morning Tea: Jane Millichamp and Daniel Larsen
Church Cleaning: Daniel Larsen
Hall Cleaning: Michael Ovens

Opportunities for ministry week ending 13 September

Door Duty: Jane Bloore and Mander Family
Music: David Murray
Readings: Marion Rae
Prayers: Daniel Larsen
Sound and Data Projector: Hamish Spencer
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Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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.: Café church, 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 (pet service), the Rev. Clare Lind
4 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, World Communion Sunday, followed by shared lunch*
7 October ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Minister's Office
8 October ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
11 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Jay Robinson
18 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind followed by Annual Meeting
20 October ~ Tuesday	Material due for November <i>Opoho Signal</i>
22 October ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
25 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
26 October ~ Monday	Labour Day – public holiday

* changed from 27 September

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