

# Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

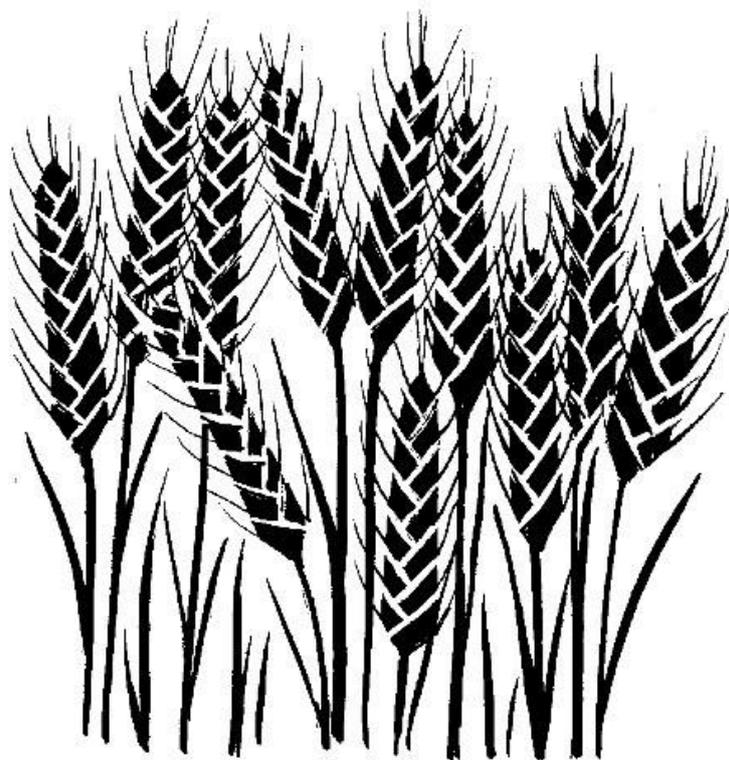
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**22 February 2026 – 1st Sunday in Lent  
Harvest Thanksgiving**

*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**

God looks at the world and sees that it is good.

**Thanks be to God.**

A world worth dying for, a world worth living for.

**Thanks be to Christ.**

And we are never left alone  
in joy or struggle, failure or victory.

**Thanks be to you Holy Spirit.**

*p.38 Echoes of Our Journey, Dorothy McRae-McMahon*

*Please stand as the Bible is carried in and for the 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, 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 Harvest Festival**

*Please stand for the Offertory Prayer.*

### **Offertory Prayer**

**For the beauty of your world and its fruitfulness,  
we praise you, Living God.**

**For the beauty that you are teaching us to notice in each other,  
we give you thanks.**

**We bring these gifts in gratitude,  
asking that you would use them and us  
to draw attention to your goodness  
and the ways that you are all around us.**

**Amen**

**Acts of Compassion – Lenten story series** *Sanel Tomlinson*

### **Bible Reading** *Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **An Interview**

**with Jean-François Mouhot, Director of A Rocha France.**

**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 ...*

## **Intercessory Prayer**

### **The 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 by Colin Gibson HIOS 82

Just a mustard seed of faith will do  
to plant a fruiting tree  
in the salt and bitter sea;  
just a mustard seed will do.  
there are orchards waiting there  
to be born to ocean air;  
set them growing fresh and green.  
Just a tiny mustard seed,  
that is all the faith we need  
to transform our daily scene.

Just a mustard seed of faith will do  
to remove a mountain side,  
toss it far into the tide;  
just a mustard seed will do.  
There are pathways to be made,  
there are highways to be laid:  
see them stretching far away.  
Just a tiny mustard seed,  
that is all the faith we need  
to create an open way.

Just a mustard seed of faith will do.  
watch it grow into a tree  
standing tall for all to see;  
just a mustard seed will do.  
In its canopy and shade  
birds may shelter, nests be made;  
plant the seed and clear the ground.  
Just a tiny mustard seed,  
that is all the faith we need  
to turn the world around.

**Benediction** Guatemalan text, trans. Christine Carson,  
tune *La paz de la tierra* CH4 798

The peace of the earth be with you,  
the peace of the heavens too;  
the peace of the rivers be with you,  
the peace of the oceans too.  
Deep peace falling over you.

The peace of the earth be with you,  
the peace of the heavens too;  
the peace of the rivers be with you,  
the peace of the oceans too.  
Deep peace falling over you.  
God's peace growing in you.

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*Everyone is welcome to stay for lunch after the service.*



*Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

**Today's service was brought to you by**  
**Leading the Service:** The Rev. Clare Lind  
**Door Duty:** Mary and John Somerville  
**Music:** Music Group  
**Readings:** Mark Ranby  
**Prayers:** Daniel Larsen  
**Sound and Data Projector:** John Roxborough  
**Flowers:** Allison Mulder  
**Morning Tea:** Susan Wall and Daniel Larsen  
**Hall Cleaning:** Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson

**Opportunities for ministry week ending 1 March**

**Door Duty:** Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson  
**Music:** David Murray  
**Readings:** Rudie Tomlinson  
**Sound and Data Projector:** Benjamin Thew  
**Flowers:** Julie and Harriet Mander  
**Morning Tea:** Jane Millichamp and Marian Weaver  
**Hall Cleaning:** Benjamin Thew

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**Keeping in Touch**

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## Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

26 February ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
1 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Quarterly Communion
8 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Meegan Cloughley
11 March ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
12 March ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
15 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 March ~ Friday	Material due for April <i>Ōpoho Signal</i>
22 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
23 March ~ Monday	Otago Anniversary Day
26 March ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
29 March ~ Palm Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Abby Smith
5 April ~ Easter Sunday	Daylight saving ends – clocks go <i>back</i> one hour 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion
6 April ~ Easter Monday	Public holiday
8 April ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
9 April ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
12 April ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Jay Robinson
19 April ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 April ~ Monday	Material due for May <i>Opoho Signal</i>
21 April ~ Monday	Easter Monday – public holiday
23 April ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
25 April ~ Saturday	ANZAC Day
26 April ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
27 April ~ Monday	Public holiday

