

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

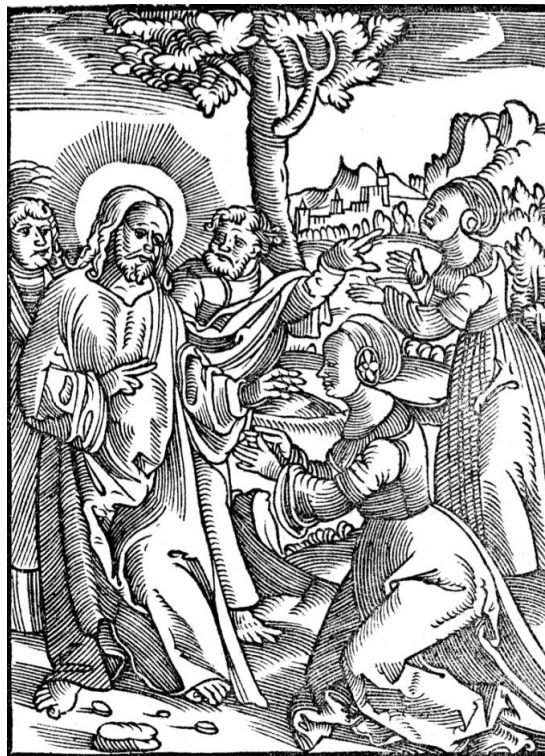
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16 August 2026 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

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.*



Matthew 15:21-28 (woodcut, probably German 16th century)

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

We have been touched by the kindness of God.

We know something of God's healing.

While we are not fully the community we are called to be,
we are wanting to listen for God's voice in our midst,

and so, we gather to worship God

in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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

Hymn WOV 629 Faafetai i le Atua

Prayer

The Peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou;
the eace 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

Children's Hymn words and music Colin Gibson FFS 15

Fancy Noah sailing in the ark,
ploughing through the wind and rain and dark;
all of a sudden, feel that bump,
landed safe on Ararat's hump,
welcome to the rainbow world.

Rainbow people, every creature too,
rainbow people, well what a motley crew,
with a snow-white dove to guide them
and an olive leaf their sign,
rainbow people in a rainbow world.



Some folk want a world of this and that,
mostly this, if that is what they're at;
all God's plenty is our store,
open wide the old Ark's door,
step into the rainbow world.
Rainbow people, bridging earth and sky,
rainbow people, God's promise in their eye
and a shining arch to point them
to the harmony of all things,
rainbow people in a rainbow world.

Some folk like their world all black and white,
some folk like their world just wrong or right,
we like colour, we like hue,
we like me and we like you,
welcome to our rainbow world.
Rainbow people, children of the light,
rainbow people, declaring God's delight
in the multitudinous colours
of a multifarious world,
rainbow people in a rainbow world.

Some folk like a world of wrath and flame,
we prefer the gently falling rain,
black clouds gather, still it shines,
pledge of seed and harvest times,
welcome to the rainbow world.
Rainbow people, joyful, full of mirth,
rainbow people, all colouring the earth
with the love and grace and laughter
of a plenitudinous God
rainbow people in a rainbow world.

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

Bible Reading *Matthew 15:21-28*

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn words and music © Graham Kendrick CH4 259

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,
God, in the suffering, this is our prayer.
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace,
sunrise to sunset your kingdom increase.

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,
work for the artisans, trade for their skills;
land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak;
voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

*God of the poor, friend of the weak,
give us compassion we pray;
melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.
Come change our love from a spark to a flame.*

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,
cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share,
peace to the killing-fields, scorched earth to green;
Christ for the bitterness, the cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams
plundered and poisoned, our future, our dreams.
God end our madness, carelessness, greed;
make us content with the things that we need.

God of the poor, friend of the weak ..

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame
until your justice burns brightly again;
until the nations learn of your ways,
seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

God of the poor, friend of the weak..

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.

Richard Gillard, & John Smith, ICET translation WOV 676

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God who sets us on a journey
to discover, dream and grow,
lead us as you led your people
in the desert long ago;
journey inward, journey outward,
stir the spirit, stretch the mind,
love for God and self and neighbour
marks the way that Christ defined.

Exploration brings new insights,
changes, choices we must face;
give us wisdom in deciding,
mindful always of your grace;
should we stumble, lose our bearings,
find it hard to know what's right,
we regain our true direction
focused on the Jesus light.

End our longing for the old days,
grant the vision that we lack –
once we've started on this journey
there can be no turning back;
let us travel light, discarding
excess baggage from our past,
cherish only what's essential,
choosing treasure that will last.

When we set up camp and settle
to avoid love's risk and pain,
you disturb complacent comfort,
pull the tent pegs up again;
keep us travelling in the knowledge
you are always at our side;
give us courage for the journey,
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

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. Clare Lind

Door Duty: Mary and John Somerville

Music: David Murray

Readings: Sanel Tomlinson

Prayers: Mark Ranby

Sound and Data Projector: Kieran Somerville

Morning Tea: Chritine Cleugh and Daniel Larsen

Church Cleaning: Jane Bloore

Hall Cleaning: Susan Wall

Opportunities for ministry week ending 23 August

Door Duty: Jane Millichamp and Andrew Smith

Music: David Murray

Readings: Marian Weaver

Prayers: Benjamin Thew

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Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

18 August ~ Tuesday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
20 August ~ Thursday	Material due for September <i>Opoho Signal</i>
22 August ~ Saturday	6.30 p.m.: Quiz and dessert evening, Church Hall
23 August ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Brendon McRae
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

