

Opoho Presbyterian Church

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2 October 2022 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome!

Whoever you are, you are welcome here at Opoho Church. 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 vital quest.

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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.

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

Nau mai ki tēnei whare karakia o tatou.
Welcome to this church of ours.

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 rangimārie 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

Hymn words and music Kurt Kaiser

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.
That's how it is with God's love:
once you've experienced it,
you spread his love to everyone,
you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding;
the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.
that's how it is with God's love:
Once you've experienced it,
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
you want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I've found:
you can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound,
I'll shout it from the mountain top:
I want my world to know,
the Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

Please remain standing at the end 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 Space *Philip Fleming*

Bible Readings

Matthew 28:17-19

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word

1 Peter 2:4-10

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Communion Hymn WOV 637 Jesus, stand among us

Communion Prayer

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he became the bread of life and the wine of compassion.

**Christ is the one who gathers us in,
who calls each of us by name,
who sets a place for us.**

**For the invitation,
for the nourishment,
and for Jesus Christ,
we give you thanks.**

...

Help us to trust in your promises.

**As we eat this bread and drink this cup,
may we trust that there is enough to go around.
Keep us from hoarding what you have provided
so that all of your children might taste and see,
drink and be satisfied.**

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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 © Colin Gibson FFS 67

We are many, we are one,
and the work of Christ is done
when we learn to live in true community,
as the stars that fill the night,
as a flock of birds in flight,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the branches of a tree,
as the waves upon the sea,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

All division is made whole
when we honour ev'ry soul,
find the life of God in ev'ry you and me,
as the fingers of a hand,
as the grains that form the sand,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the threads upon a loom,
as a field of flowers in bloom,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

We will join creation's song,
make a world where all belong,
build as one in peace and loving harmony,
as the voices of a choir,
as the flames within a fire,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
as the snowflakes in the snow,
as the colours of a bow,
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

Benediction Aaronic Blessing, *Dale Garratt, New Zealand Praise 131*

The Lord bless you and keep you:
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you:
The Lord lift up his countenance on you
and give you peace.

*As you leave, please place your empty communion glasses
in the container on the trolley at the back of the church.*

Communion liturgy written by Molly Spangler, PCUSA
<https://pres-outlook.org/2022/09/a-prayer-for-world-communion-sunday/>

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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

Today's service was brought to you by

Leading the Service: The Rev. Clare Lind

Door Duty: Marian Weaver and Michael Ovens

Music: David Murray

Readings: Benjamin Thew

Sound and Data Projector: John Roxborough

Flowers: Jenny and John Roxborough

Morning Tea: Christine Cleugh and Daniel Larsen

Church Cleaning: Bronwen Strang

Hall Cleaning: Michael Ovens

Opportunities for ministry week ending 9 October

Door Duty: Abby Smith and Benjamin Thew

Music: David Murray

Readings: Jenny Bunce

Prayers: John Roxborough

Sound and Data Projector: Kieran Somerville

Flowers: Jenny and John Roxborough

Morning Tea: Shona and Philip Somerville

Church Cleaning: Bronwen Strang

Hall Cleaning: Michael Ovens

Parish Clerk: Hamish Spencer 021 279 7986 opohoclerk@gmail.com

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Poems Prayers Psalms Prose – a friendly writing group

Writers from hither and yon will be meeting on Wednesday 12 October by Zoom (details for link in latest *Signal*).

For more information, please contact Abby Smith: 027 606 3552, abigailmarionsmith@gmail.com



Any changes or additions to events listed here or in the *Opoho Signal* will be posted as they are known on the website at <http://opohochurch.org/events-and-activities/>

Coming Events at Opoho Presbyterian Church

2 October ~ Sunday	Morning tea and barbecue lunch after church
9 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, John Roxborogh
12 October ~ Wednesday	7 p.m.: Poems Prayers Psalms Prose – a friendly writing group, via Zoom (details below) 7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
13 October ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge 7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge (or via Zoom if necessary)
16 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, followed by Annual Meeting
20 October ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge Material due for November <i>Opoho Signal</i>
23 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
30 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Paul Ranby Abby's Jam Palace after church
6 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion
9 November ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
10 November ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
13 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Anne Thomson
17 November ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
20 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, John Roxborogh and Gregor Macaulay Material due for December-January <i>Opoho Signal</i>
27 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind

