

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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**13 September 2026 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation**

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.*

Welcome

Call to Worship

The wind-blown spring is upon us; lambs are in paddocks,
bulbs and shrubs are flowering, birds are nesting.

**In this spring, as the new season arrives,
may our hearts and minds be renewed
to hear, see, and feel your Spirit within us and around us.**

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

Hymn words Henry van Dyke, tune *Hymn to Joy* WOV 92

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, God of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away,
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our God and Christ our Saviour,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to thy joy divine.

Mortals join the happy chorus,
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

...we are forgiven; we are set free. **Thanks be to God.**

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

Hymn words Cecil Frances Alexander (refrain and v.4 (alt.)) and Margaret Garland (vv.1,2,3), tune *All Things Bright and Beautiful* WOV 70(ii)

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful –
the Lord God made them all.*

The green ferns and the punga,
the mountain ranges high,
the sparkling lake and rivers,
the darting fantail's cry
All things bright and beautiful ...

The mighty river gorges,
the kauri trees so tall,
the rocks, and pools, and seascape,
the thund'ring waterfall,
All things bright and beautiful ...

The bush, so green and peaceful,
the creatures of the sea,
the ancient tuatara,
bold kea soaring free
All things bright and beautiful ...,

God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Creator,
who has made all things well.
All things bright and beautiful ...

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer

Offertory Prayer

**Loving God, we offer these our donations and those given via the internet to serve your wishes for our actions on earth.
With these we also give our efforts and actions in working for purpose for our communities and the planet. Amen**

Bible Readings *Exodus 14:19-31 and Romans 14:1-12*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Hymn words Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (alt.),
tune *Lucerna Laudoniae* WOV 77

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth,
over and around us lies,
*Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise*

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,

For the church that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love,

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

....we say together

Our Father in heaven, hallowed 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.

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 Sydney Carter CH4 530

One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go;
from the old things to the new,
keep me travelling along with you.

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corners of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me.

As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go,
you'll be telling me the way, I know.

Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough;
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me travelling along with you:

You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me;
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you:

Commissioning

Let us go into the new week strong in our faith in God,
mindful of the things Jesus teaches us in the Word,
and attentive to and guided by the Holy Spirit.

Let us go in peace...

We go in the name of Christ.

Benediction *said together*

**And may the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all,
now and always. *[sung]* 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: Marian Weaver

Door Duty: Jane Bloore and Mander Family

Music: David Murray **Readings:** Marion Rae **Prayers:** Daniel Larsen

Sound and Data Projector: Hamish Spencer

Morning Tea: Jane Bloore and Jane Millichamp

Church Cleaning: Daniel Larsen **Hall Cleaning:** Michael Ovens

Opportunities for ministry week ending 20 September

Door Duty: Abby Smith and Hamish Spencer

Music: TBC **Readings:** Philip Somerville

Prayers: John Roxborough

Sound and Data Projector: John Roxborough

Morning Tea: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson

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Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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

