

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

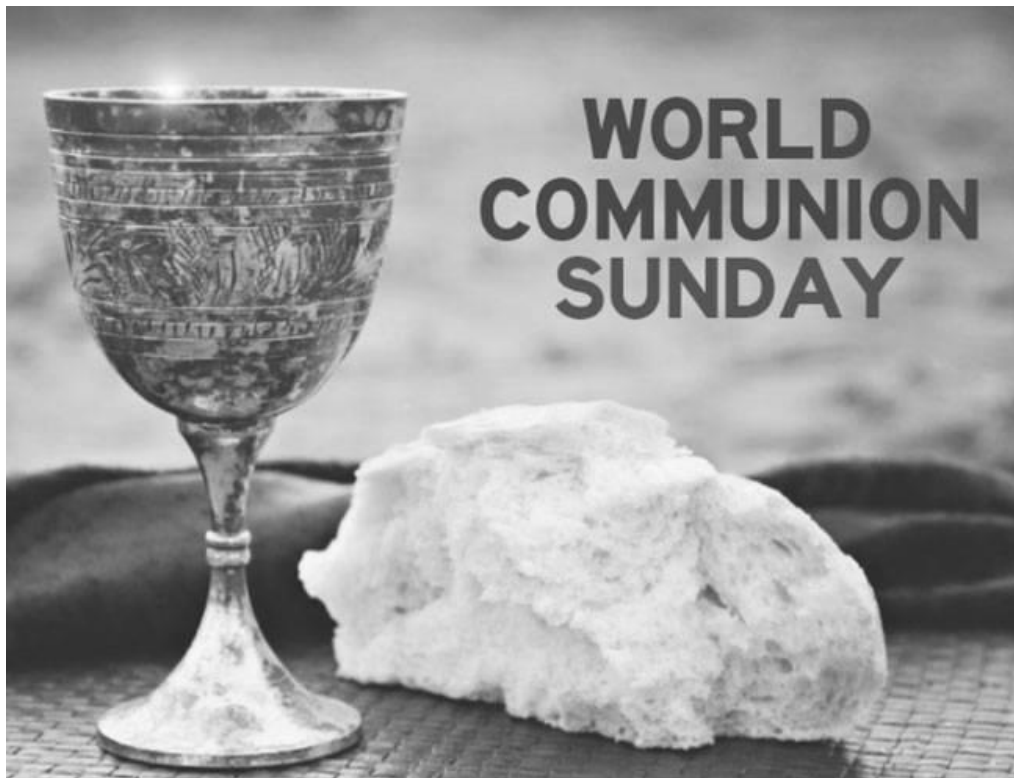
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4 October 2026 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

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.*



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

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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 turn from the busyness and clutter of our living
to the One who gifted us with life.

We come from our complicated relationships,
our delicate alliances and negotiated partnerships
to the One who simply offers us love.

Here we are known. Here we are held. Here we are replenished.

Let us worship God together.

We sing as the Bible is carried in.

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.

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

Children's Hymn words and music Stan Stewart, *Hope Is Our Song* 16

Christians are all kinds of people,
they're average, they're short and they're tall,
from all kinds of backgrounds, with all kinds of outlooks,
our gracious God uses them all.
Christians are all kinds of people,
not even especially good,
but God's love is mighty and that is what counts,
with mercy as wide as the sea: it reaches to you and to me.

Christians are all kinds of people,
they're smilers, they're grouches, they're clowns;
in all kinds of weather, whenever they gather,
you'll find every kind of them round.
Christians are all kinds of people,
and sometimes all kinds are in me,
but God's love is mighty and that is what counts,
with mercy as wide as the sea: it reaches to you and to me.

God uses all kinds of people,
the black and the pale and the tan,
newborn and the aged, the fit and disabled,
they all play a part in the plan.
God uses all kinds of people,
with problems, with hang-ups and scars,
but God's love is mighty and that is what counts,
with mercy as wide as the sea: it reaches to you and to me.

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 *1Peter 2:1-10*

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

Sermon

Communion Hymn words and music Colin Gibson, *Hope Is Our Song* 115

Praise God, I am welcome at the table,
welcome at the table of the Lord;
Praise God, I am welcome at the table,
welcome at the table of the Lord.

Praise God, I am here among the family,
here among the family of the Lord;
Praise God, I am here among the family,
here among the family of the Lord.

Praise God, I can meet you at the table,
meet you at the table of the Lord;
Praise God, I can meet you at the table,
meet you at the table of the Lord.

We, many as we are, are one body in Christ.
If we do not love our brothers and sisters whom we have seen,
How can we love God whom we have not seen?

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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Come and let yourselves be built as living stones,
into a spiritual temple; become a holy priesthood,
to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God, through Jesus Christ.

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The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is our joy to give God thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving Prayer

....and so we worship and praise you.

Glory to you, Lord Christ, your death we remember,

your resurrection we celebrate, your presence we proclaim. Amen

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The cup of blessing for which we give thanks
is a sharing in the covenant of Christ, the hope of our lives.

May we see through these symbols

to the love that Christ offers us anew each day

that we might be free to live in the presence of God

and the service of the world. Amen

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

Now that you have found us and we you,

through the joy of this communion,

help us confess our need of you,

help us to step free from the shadows

into the light of your presence,

that you may bring harmony to our lives

and our world.

When we fall, let us not fall into the darkness,

but fall into you,

that you may keep alive in us

an adventurous spirit, a growing wisdom,

and a new vision of life with Christ. Amen

Hymn words Marty Haugen, tune *Two Oaks* CH4 198 vv.1 and 3-5

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive;
built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space,
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Benediction words Ian Jamieson, tune *Ae Fond Kiss* CH4 786 (x2)

May the God of peace go with us
as we travel from this place;
may the love of Jesus keep us
firm in hope and full of grace.

*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: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson **Music:** David Murray

Readings: Gregor Macaulay

Sound and Data Projector: Daniel Larsen **Flowers:** Allison Mulder

Morning Tea: Shona and Philip Somerville

Church Cleaning: Fiona Stirling **Hall Cleaning:** Benjamin Thew

Opportunities for ministry week ending 11 October

Door Duty: Daniel Larsen and Michael Ovens

Music: David Murray **Readings:** Daniel Larsen

Prayers: Mary Somerville

Sound and Data Projector: Kieran Somerville **Flowers:** Allison Mulder

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Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

4 October ~ Sunday	After worship: shared lunch
8 October ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
11 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Jay Robinson
14 October ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Minister's Office
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
1 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion 7 p.m.: Political forum in church
8 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Abby Smith, Remembrance Sunday
10 November ~ Tuesday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
11 November ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Minister's Office
12 November ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
15 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
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22 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
26 November ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
29 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Anne Thomson

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