

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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2 August 2026 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost – Communion

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.*

Service of Worship August 2nd 2026

Call to Worship O Spring in the Desert

O spring in the desert; O shelter from heat,
O light in the darkness, O guide for our feet,
O joy in our sadness, O strength for the weak,
O Christ with us always, your Presence we seek.

David Adam. Faith Forever Singing 51

We sing as the Bible is carried in

Hymn Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

Be still for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here,
Come bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found,
We stand on holy ground
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour he is crowned,
How awesome is the sight,
Our radiant King of light,
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place,
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
In faith receive from him,
Be still for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place.

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, 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 A Small Thing Like a Hazelnut

A small thing like a hazelnut

Lay in my open hand,

And God disclosed three truths to me

That I might understand:

God made it, God loves it,

And God will always care;

God made it, God loves it,

And God will always care for it.

I marvelled that this little thing

Reveals how God can be

Our maker, lover, keeper, now

And for eternity!

God made you, God loves you,

And God will always care;

God made you, God loves you,

And God will always care for you!

Until my heart is one with God,

Its aching will not cease,

And so I rest, held close by God,

These three truths bringing peace:
God made me, God loves me,
And God will always care;
God made me, God loves me,
And God will always care for me!

Rae Whitney, Church Hymnary 142

Please stand 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 Romans 8:26-39

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Communion Hymn I Come with Joy, a Child of God

(The last line of each verse is repeated)

I come with joy, a child of God,

Forgiven, loved and free,

The life of Jesus to recall,

In love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near

To find, as all are fed,

The new community of love

In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,

Each proud division ends.

The love that made us, makes us one,

And strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
Unseen, but ever near,
Is in such friendship better known,
Alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
By all that God has done,
We'll go with joy, to give the world
The love that makes us one.

Brian Wren Church Hymnary 656

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Therefore we proclaim our faith
as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

*Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again*

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Gather your whole church, O Lord,
into the glory of your kingdom.
*Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory are yours,
Living God, now and forever. Amen.*

The gifts of God for the people of God.
The Bread is Broken and distribution

Prayer

*We bless you, O God,
for gifts of bread and cup,
for sustaining us in hope,
every day of our lives.
We pray for your strength
to prepare us now for your service
as we offer to you
lives of witness and worship
in the world you have made.*

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

from The Worship Source Book

Hymn Nothing is Lost

Nothing is lost on the breath of God,
Nothing is lost forever;
God's breath is love, and that love will remain,
Holding the world forever.
No feather too light, no hair too fine,
No flower too brief in its glory,
No drop in the ocean, no dust in the air,
But is counted and told in God's story.

Nothing is lost to the eyes of God,
Nothing is lost forever;
God sees with love, and that love will remain,
Holding the world forever.
No journey too far, no distance too great,
No valley of darkness too blinding,
No creature too humble, no child too small
For God to be seeking and finding.

Nothing is lost to the heart of God,
Nothing is lost forever;
God's heart is love, and that love will remain,
Holding the world forever.
No impulse of love, no office of care,
No moment of life in its fullness,
No beginning too late, no ending too soon,
But is gathered and known in its goodness.

Colin Gibson, Faith Forever Singing 50

Benediction

Lord of life, we come to you.
Lord of all, our Saviour be,
Come to bless and to heal
With the light of your love.

Through the days of doubt and toil,
In our joy and in our pain,
Guide our steps in your way,
Make us one in your love.

Catherine Walker, Scottish folk melody. Church Hymnary 782.

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

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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: Daniel Larsen and Michael Ovens

Music: David Murray

Readings: Maurice Andrew

Sound and Data Projector: Benjamin Thew

Morning Tea: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson

Church and Hall Cleaning: Miriam Vollweiler and Chris Young

Opportunities for ministry week ending 9 August

Door Duty: Benjamin Thew and Marian Weaver

Music: David Murray

Readings: Mark Ranby

Prayers: Andrew Smith

Sound and Data Projector: Daniel Larsen

Morning Tea: Jane Bloore and Susan Wall

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Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

9 August ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Carol Grant
12 August ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Minister's Office
13 August ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
16 August ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
18 August ~ Tuesday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
20 August ~ Thursday	Material due for September <i>Opoho Signal</i>
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

