

Opoho Presbyterian Church

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29 January 2023 – Epiphany 4

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 13: 1-23

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

Ata Mārie!

Good morning!

Haere Mai!

Welcome!

Ka haere tatau ki te karakia.

We gather together to worship.

Hymn words Knowles Shaw, music George Minor
(*lighting the candle, bringing up the Bible*)

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,
we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

*Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves;
bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.*

Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;
by and by the harvest, and the labour ended,
we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. *Refrain*

Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,
though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;
when our weeping's over, he will bid us welcome,
we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. *Refrain*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

We are forgiven.

We are set free.

We rejoice together in your love and grace.

Praise 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, anniversaries

Birthday greetings today.
May God bless you we pray.
Live for Jesus dear [name *or* friends],
May he guide you always.

A Story

Children's Song tune *Old MacDonald Had a Farm*
(*the offering is brought up*)

Everything we do and say, we are sowing seeds.
And the kind of seeds we sow will be what we grow.
How we play – what we say
every deed, every word, each and every day –
every day in every way, we are sowing seeds.

If I whine or tell a lie – that is sowing weeds!
I would rather use good words and sow healthy seeds.
When I'm grown – what I've sown,
all will see – look at me! I have planted carefully!
Every day in every way, we are sowing seeds!

Prayer of Offering

Bible Reading *Matthew 13: 1-23*

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Praise to Christ the Word.

Reflection

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
The second-best time is today.

Hymn words and music Abby Smith

COURAGE HE SAID

A M Smith



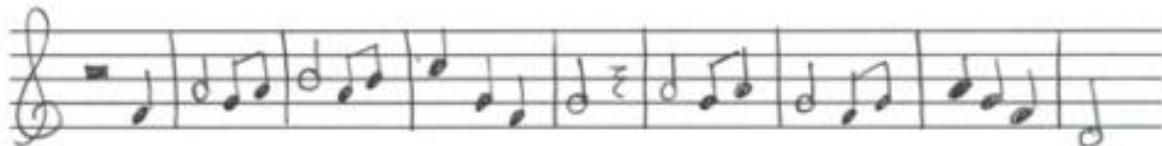
Verse 1. It takes courage, he said, to scatter your seeds When you know there are stones, and each
2. It takes courage, he said, to reach out your hand. Will you follow his path in an
3. It takes courage, he said, to look for the lost, To leave home behind, no



little bird feeds, And somehow the ground seems to conjure up weeds. It
unfriendly land? Put your arms around someone who just cannot stand? Can you
matter the cost. Will you sail over seas where the wild waves are tossed? Will you



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reach for his robe where it touches the sand? It takes courage, he said, to reach out your hand.
climb the high hills which are shining with frost? It takes courage, he said, to look for the lost.



Refrain 1. He carries the bowl in the crook of his arm, Digs his hand in, the seeds dusty and warm.
2. You carry the bowl in the crook of your arm, Dig your hand in, the seeds dusty and warm.
3. We carry the bowl in the crook of our arms, Dig our hands in, the seeds dusty and warm.



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and somehow the ground seems to conjure up weeds.

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*He carries the bowl in the crook of his arm,
digs his hand in, the seeds dusty and warm.*

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hoping that some will take root, thrive and grow.*

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Will you follow his path in an unfriendly land?
Put your arms around someone who just cannot stand?
Can you reach for his robe where it touches the sand?
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Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer *sung*

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, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, amen.

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Thanks

Hymn words and music Cecily Sheehy, AA 137

*The kingdom is within you, the kingdom is within you.
Why do we go searching for the answers of the mighty?
The kingdom is within you, the kingdom is within you.
Like a little seed planted in the ground, let it grow.*

I will set my face to the wind,
scatter my handful of seed on high.
Needn't have to worry where the great wind takes it;
seeds will grow wherever they're planted.
All we need is courage to keep on facing the wind. *Refrain*

I will set my hand to the plough;
don't look back, it's too late now.
The fulness of the kingdom is not quite yet,
but the seed of the kingdom is here and now.
Don't split the seed; be patient, let it grow. *Refrain*

Benediction

**May the Lord our God, Jesus Christ our Saviour,
and the Holy Spirit our inspiration and delight be with us all,
today, in the days to come, and all our lives.**

Three-Fold Amen (sung)

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*Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea
in the Morrison Lounge and/or Hall after the service –
through the door at the back of the church.*

Abby's Jam Palace after church today



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: Abby Smith

Door Duty: Daniel Larsen and Benjamin Thew

Music: Music Group

Readings: Gregor Macaulay, Abby Smith, and John Stenhouse

Prayers: Daniel Larsen

Sound and Data Projector: Hamish Spencer

Flowers: Allison Mulder

Morning Tea: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson

Church Cleaning: Allison and Will Mulder

Hall Cleaning: Benjamin Thew

Opportunities for ministry week ending 5 February

Door Duty: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson

Music: David Murray

Readings: Jane Bloore

Sound and Data Projector: Daniel Larsen

Flowers: Jane Bloore

Morning Tea: Jane Bloore and Abby Smith

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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

5 February ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion
6 February ~ Monday	Waitangi Day – public holiday
8 February ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
9 February ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge 7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
12 February ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Simon Rae and Gregor Macaulay
16 February ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
18 February ~ Saturday	1.30 p.m.: Parish Council Retreat, Morrison Lounge
19 February ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 February ~ Monday	Material due for March <i>Opoho Signal</i>
26 February ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Harvest Thanksgiving
5 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Quarterly Communion
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15 March ~ Wednesday	7 p.m.: Poems Prayers Psalms and Prose – a friendly writing group, 310 Castle Street
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