

# Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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**28 July 2024 – Pentecost 10**

***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.***

**Call to Worship** (*sung*) words David Adam, music Colin Gibson FFS 51

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.

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

**Hymn** words Shirley Murray, music Jillian Bray FFS 68

We are the singers who celebrate Jesus,      *we are God's people,*  
we are the cast of a play to unfold,      *hopeful and joyful,*  
we have a part at the heart of the Gospel,      *one open circle*  
action that speaks as the Story is told,      *round Jesus Christ!*

This is the wonder, that we should be chosen!  
We, like the earthenware vessels we are,  
clay in a mould to enfold the great treasure:  
light of more power than sunburst or star,  
*we are God's people ...*

We are the travellers set on a voyage,  
ship that will sail with whoever will board,  
we who can dream a regime of acceptance,  
seeking a country of loving accord,  
*we are God's people ...*

We have a life that is greening and growing,  
centred on Jesus, the root and the vine,  
we are a place for each race and each rainbow,  
household of faith with a pledge of new wine,  
*we are God's people ...*

**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**

**Song** words Shirley Murray, music Jim Strathdee FFS 65

This thread I weave,

this step I dance,

this stone I carve,

this ball I bounce,

this nail I drive,

this pearl I string,

this flag I wave,

this note I sing,

this pot I shape,

this fire I light,

this fence I leap

this bone I knit,

this seed I nurse,

this rift I mend,

this child I raise,

this earth I tend,

this cheque I write,

this march I join,

this faith I state,

this truth I sign\_

this is small part,

in one small place,

of one heart's beat

for one great Peace.

*Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.*

## **Offertory Prayer**

**Thank you, gracious God, for all your good gifts,  
for music, art, dance and writing.**

**Thank you for the ways they enrich our life and worship.**

**We celebrate your own boundless creativity and love.**

**These gifts are one of our ways of saying thank you.**

**We ask that you would take them**

**and use them for the work of your kingdom,**

**in Jesus' name. Amen**

## **Bible Reading *Psalm 116***

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon *Of Hymnbooks and Sings***

### **Hymn words and music Bill Bennett (arr. Jillian Bray) FFS 77**

Whispering gently the breeze from the mountain  
beckons our senses to what it may say;  
fresh from the snows that are melted by sunshine,  
stirred by the kererū flying away.

*Blue sky, Lord of creation,  
freshen our faith,  
blossom our love.*

*Deep green, Lord of creation,  
springtime of faith,  
the Spirit of love.*

Bursting with colour the orchards surround us,  
grasses that grow in the warmth of the green;  
heralds of gold in the flowers of the kowhai,  
nature announces that spring should be seen.

*Chorus*

Birth of the new is a sign of your Spirit,  
God the creator and Jesus our Lord;  
lambs on the hillsides and calves on the pastures,  
leaping in sunshine and dancing your word.

*Chorus*

Spirit of hope in the Christ who renews us,  
lighten our winter of anguish with spring;  
washed with the showers of loving forgiveness,  
warmed by the rays of the love that you bring.

*Chorus*

## **Intercessory Prayer**

### **The 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 Shirley Murray, music Colin Gibson FFS 57**

Song of faith that sings forever  
through God's people, ages long,  
Word that holds the world together  
when our hearts take up the song,  
always, always somewhere sounding,  
from the source we do not see,  
counterpoint to all despairing,  
it is hope that sets the key.

Song of faith in exultation,  
rising through the vaults of prayer,  
tune of simple celebration  
offered up in open air,  
song in chapel and cathedral,  
descant to our daily tone,  
song from sickbed or in prison:  
faith must often sing alone.

And when life would overwhelm us,  
when there seems no song to sing,  
hear the constant voice of courage  
out of fear and suffering:

all who've loved and trusted Jesus,  
all who lift us to be strong,  
endless, endless are the voices  
of the faith that makes the song.

**Benediction** (*sung*) words John Murray, music Cecily Sheehy FFS 71

Whatever is true and honest and good,  
Whatever has beauty and wisdom,  
Whatever reveals the face of God,  
These we will live by and treasure.

May God be with you all.

**Amen**

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*Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea  
in the Morrison Lounge and/or Hall and/or outside  
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:** Jane Bloore and Philip Somerville  
**Music:** David Murray  
**Readings:** Andrew Smith  
**Prayers:** John Roxborough  
**Sound and Data Projector:** Daniel Larsen  
**Morning Tea:** Judy Rodda and Kirk Hamilton  
**Church Cleaning:** Fiona Stirling  
**Hall Cleaning:** Daniel Larsen

**Opportunities for ministry week ending 4 August**

**Door Duty:** Abby Smith and John Somerville

**Music:** David Murray

**Readings:** Shona Somerville

**Sound and Data Projector:** Hamish Spencer

**Morning Tea:** Kieran Somerville and Marian Weaver

**Church Cleaning:** David Murray

**Hall Cleaning:** Benjamin Thew

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

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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

**Poems Prayers Psalms & Prose – Ōpoho Writers' Group**

Our next writer's group is Thursday 1 August at 7:30 pm by Zoom.

<https://otago.zoom.us/j/96640007348?pwd=OGHkT5JuDnbXUQZbJckmQ8ECqqZZ6q.1>

Meeting ID: 966 4000 7348

Password: 307099

We will go back to in-person when the weather brightens up a bit.



## Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

<b>28 July ~ Sunday</b>	<b>After church: Abby's Jam Palace in hall</b>
1 August ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Writers' group, via Zoom (see separate notice for details)
4 August ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion
7 August ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
8 August ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
11 August ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Jane Bloore
15 August ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
18 August ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 August ~ Tuesday	Material due for September <i>Opoho Signal</i>
25 August ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
1 September ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Quarterly Communion
8 September ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Anne Thomson
11 September ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
12 September ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
15 September ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
19 September ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
20 September ~ Friday	Material due for October <i>Opoho Signal</i>
22 September ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
29 September ~ Sunday	Daylight saving begins – clocks go <i>forward</i> one hour 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Greg Hughson

## Abby's Jam Palace



The Jam Palace will be open for business  
in the hall after church today.