

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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**20 September 2026 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation – Café Church**

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.***

Please help yourself to a drink and some food.

Call to Worship

We have been touched by the kindness of God.

We know something of God's healing.

While we are not fully the community we are called to be,
we are wanting to listen for God's voice in our midst,

and so, we gather to worship God

in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Hymn words Shirley Murray, music Jillian Bray FFS 68

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

Birthday greetings today.

May God bless you we pray.

Live for Jesus dear [name or friends],
may he guide you always.

Please stand for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

**We bring our gifts to you, Lord God,
in gratitude and hope.**

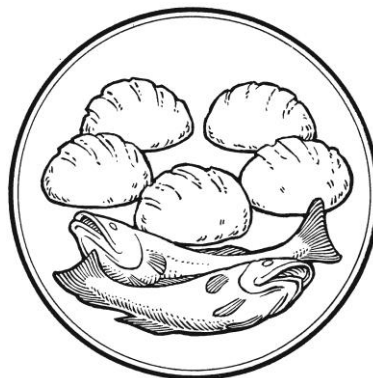
**In dedicating them, we dedicate ourselves again
to be your people in the world,
in the strength and enabling power
of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Time for a second cup?

Bible Reading *Luke 9:6 & 10-17*

This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise to Christ the Word.



Conversation

What is Good News about this place for me?

What is Good News about faith / Christianity for me?

Where does Good News need to be heard locally?

How are we expressing that Good News through our life as a church here?

Hymn words and music by Colin Gibson HIOS 82

Just a mustard seed of faith will do
to plant a fruiting tree
in the salt and bitter sea;
just a mustard seed will do.
there are orchards waiting there
to be born to ocean air;
set them growing fresh and green.
Just a tiny mustard seed,
that is all the faith we need
to transform our daily scene.

Just a mustard seed of faith will do
to remove a mountain side,
toss it far into the tide;
just a mustard seed will do.
There are pathways to be made,
there are highways to be laid:
see them stretching far away.
Just a tiny mustard seed,
that is all the faith we need
to create an open way.

Just a mustard seed of faith will do.
Watch it grow into a tree
standing tall for all to see;
just a mustard seed will do.
In its canopy and shade
birds may shelter, nests be made;
plant the seed and clear the ground.
Just a tiny mustard seed,
that is all the faith we need
to turn the world around.

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.**

We shall go out with hope of resurrection,
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on,
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly,
tales of a love that will not let us go.

We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted,
we'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed,
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken,
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed,
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
vibrating love alive in every heart.

We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping,
chant hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story
including all within the circles of our love.

Benediction

**Kia tau ki a tātou katoa
te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki,
o Ihu Karaiti
me te aroha o te Atua
me te whiwhingātahitanga
ki te Wairua Tapu, āke, āke, āke. Āmine.**

*Let the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
rest on us all for ever and ever. Amen.*

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Today's service was brought to you by
Leading the Service: The Rev. Clare Lind
Door Duty: Abby Smith and Hamish Spencer
Music: Alan Baker
Readings: Philip Somerville
Prayers: John Roxborough
Sound and Data Projector: John Roxborough
Morning Tea: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson
Church and Hall Cleaning: Philip and Shona Somerville

Opportunities for ministry week ending 27 September

Door Duty: Shona and Philip Somerville
Music: Music Group
Readings: Shona Somerville
Prayers: Abby Smith
Sound and Data Projector: Daniel Larsen
Morning Tea: Abby Smith and Hamish Spencer
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Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

20 September ~ Sunday	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

