

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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19 July 2026 – 8th 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.*



*The Hand of God, Marble Sculpture
by Auguste Rodin, 1898*

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.***

Welcome

Greeting

Kia noho a Ihowā ki a koutou. The Lord be with you.
Mā Ihowā koe e manaaki. The Lord bless you.

Call to Worship

We come as cracked and fragile vessels,
acknowledging our imperfections before God.
**Yet the Master Potter values the clay,
and fills us with a priceless treasure.**
We do not need to hide our brokenness or our defects.
**For it is through our cracks that God's light
shines out to a hurting world.**
God does not waste our struggles;
he uses our weakness to bring beauty to the world around us.
**Come, let us worship the one who uses cracked vessels.
Let us rejoice in God's grace!**

Hymn Words: Horatius Bonar; Tune: *Kingsfold* (*With One Voice* 500)

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.
I heard the voice of Jesus say,

'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's Light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.'

I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that Light of life I'll walk
till traveling days are done.

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession

The Peace

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
(Matthew 5:9).

Kia tāu tonu te rangimārie o te Ariki ki a koutou.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

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 *The Cracked Pot*

Hymn Words: Daniel Iverson v.1, Michael Baughen v.2 CH4 619 and 620

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, makes us one in love,
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.

Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer (overleaf).

Offering

Loving God, we come before you acknowledging that we are like fragile, cracked clay jars. We bring our imperfect lives and these humble offerings to you, knowing that you do not require faultless vessels, but willing ones. By your grace, may the light of your love shine through our weaknesses, and may these gifts be used to plant seeds of hope along the paths we walk. In your hands, even our brokenness brings beauty. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

First Readings *Jeremiah 18: 1-6 and Acts 7:23-36*

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

Gospel Reading *Luke 13:29-30*

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

Reflection *Broken Vessels*

A space of quiet

Hymn Words and music: Graham Kendrick; Tune: *God of the Poor* CH4 259

Beauty for brokenness,
hope for despair,
Lord, in your suffering
this is our prayer.
Bread for the children,
justice, joy, peace,
sunrise to sunset
your kingdom increase.

Shelter for fragile lives,
cures for their ills,
work for the craftsmen,
trade for their skills.
Land for the dispossessed,
rights for the weak,
voices to plead the cause
of those who can't speak.

*God of the poor,
friend of the weak,
give us compassion we pray,
melt our cold hearts,
let tears fall like rain.
Come, change our love
from a spark to a flame.*

Refuge from cruel wars,
havens from fear,
cities for sanctuary,
freedoms to share.
Peace to the killing fields,
scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness,
his cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth,
oceans and streams,
plundered and poisoned,
our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness,
carelessness, greed;
make us content with
the things that we need.

*God of the poor,
friend of the weak,
give us compassion we pray,
melt our cold hearts,
let tears fall like rain.
Come, change our love
from a spark to a flame.*

Lighten our darkness,
breathe on this flame,
until your justice
burns brightly again;
until the nations
learn of your ways,
seek your salvation
and bring you their praise.

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friend of the weak,
give us compassion we pray,
melt our cold hearts,
let tears fall like rain.
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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: Elizabeth J. Smith; Music: Michael Brierley; Tune: *Camberwell*
(*Together in Song 224*)

God gives us a future, daring us to go
into dreams and dangers on a path unknown.
We will face tomorrow in the Spirit's power,
we will let God change us,
for new life starts now.

We must leave behind us sins of yesterday,
for God's new beginning is a better way.
Fear and doubt and habit must not hold us back:
God gives hope, and insight,
and the strength we lack.

Holy Spirit, teach us how to read the signs,
how to meet the challenge of our troubled times.
Love us into action, stir us into prayer,
till we choose God's life,
and find our future there.

Closing Prayer

The Grace (*said to each other*)

**May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of
God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.**

(Sung) **Amen.**

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*Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea –
through the door at the back of the church.*

Today's service was brought to you by
Leading the Service: Benjamin Thew
Door Duty: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson
Music: Music Group
Readings: Rudie Tomlinson
Prayers: Marian Weaver
Sound and Data Projector: John Roxborough
Morning Tea: Shona and Philip Somerville
Church and Hall Cleaning: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson

Opportunities for ministry week ending 26 July
Door Duty: Ranby Family
Music: David Murray
Readings: Benjamin Thew
Prayers: Sanel Tomlinson
Sound and Data Projector: Sanel Tomlinson
Morning Tea: Judy Rodda and Jane Millichamp
Church and Hall Cleaning: Sanel and Rudie Tomlinson

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Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

20 July ~ Monday	Material due for August <i>Ōpoho Signal</i>
23 July ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
26 July ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
2 August ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion
9 August ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Carol Grant
12 August ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
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>Ōpoho Signal</i>
22 August ~ Saturday	6.30 p.m.: Quiz and Dessert evening, Ōpoho Church Hall
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

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

