

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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**27 September 2026 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation – Pet Service**

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 *by Joy Cowley*

Haere mai te Wairua Tapu
Aio ki te whenua.

*Come Holy Spirit
Deep peace to the earth.*

Haere mai te Wairua Tapu
Aio ki te moana.

*Come Holy Spirit
Deep peace to the sea.*

Haere mai te Wairua Tapu
Aio ki ngā tangata.

*Come Holy Spirit
Deep peace to the people.*

Haere mai te Wairua Tapu
Aio ki ahau.

*Come Holy Spirit
Deep peace to me.*

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

Hymn WOV 91 Morning has broken

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.

Chat Time

Children's Hymn words and music Colin Gibson FFS 15

Fancy Noah sailing in the ark,
ploughing through the wind and rain and dark;
all of a sudden, feel that bump,
landed safe on Ararat's hump,
welcome to the rainbow world.
Rainbow people, every creature too,
rainbow people, well what a motley crew,
with a snow-white dove to guide them
and an olive leaf their sign,
rainbow people in a rainbow world.



Some folk want a world of this and that,
mostly this, if that is what they're at;
all God's plenty is our store,
open wide the old Ark's door,
step into the rainbow world.
Rainbow people, bridging earth and sky,
rainbow people, God's promise in their eye
and a shining arch to point them
to the harmony of all things,
rainbow people in a rainbow world.

Some folk like their world all black and white,
some folk like their world just wrong or right,
we like colour, we like hue,
we like me and we like you,
welcome to our rainbow world.
Rainbow people, children of the light,
rainbow people, declaring God's delight
in the multitudinous colours
of a multifarious world,
rainbow people in a rainbow world.

Some folk like a world of wrath and flame,
we prefer the gently falling rain,
black clouds gather, still it shines,
pledge of seed and harvest times,
welcome to the rainbow world.
Rainbow people, joyful, full of mirth,
rainbow people, all colouring the earth
with the love and grace and laughter
of a plenitudinous God
rainbow people in a rainbow world.

Please remain standing for the Offertory Prayer.

Offertory Prayer

**Lord of all we see, Lord of all we hear,
Lord of all we sense, Lord of all we are,
everything we have is gift from you.
We bring these gifts in thanksgiving
and we bring ourselves as well.
Shape us, that we too might be a gift from you
to those around us.
we ask in Jesus' name. Amen**

lines 1 and 2 from Fragrant Offering, John Birch

Bible Reading Job 39:13-20 & 26-29 & 40:1-2

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

Reflections on Pets Sue, Andrew, Simon

Hymn words Clare Lind with a nod to Bill Staines, tune *Yellow Submarine*

In this world in which we live
God made fish and birds and beasts,
and God placed them in our care
from the greatest to the least.

*(So) All God's creatures got a place in the choir,
place in the choir, place in the choir,
All God's creatures got a place in the choir,
whether they sing low, whether they sing higher.*

So when you hear a bellbird song,
or the lion lifts its head,
when the camel clears its throat,
just remember what's been said.

Chorus

And it's also so for us
that no matter how we sing,
whether off the tune or on
we've a place before our King.
(‘Cos) *Chorus*

Prayer for Others and Ourselves

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 Francis of Assisi (trans.), tune *Lasst Uns Erfreuen* WOV 3

All creatures of our God and King
lift up your voice and let us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beam,
pale silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Great rushing winds that are so strong,
white clouds above that sail along,
O praise him! Alleluia!
Fair rising morn, in praise rejoice,
O stars of evening, find a voice,

Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Fierce fire so masterful and bright,
providing us both warmth and light,

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds rich blessings on our way,
O praise him! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him! Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;

The Blessing of the Animals

Benediction

Te aroha,	<i>Love,</i>
te whakapono,	<i>faith,</i>
me te rangimarie	<i>and peace</i>
tātou tātou e.	<i>to all.</i>

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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: Shona and Philip Somerville

Music: Music Group

Readings: Shona Somerville

Prayers: Daniel Larsen

Sound and Data Projector: Daniel Larsen

Morning Tea: Christine Cleugh

Church and Hall Cleaning: Philip and Shona Somerville

Opportunities for ministry week ending 4 October

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Music: David Murray

Readings: Gregor Macaulay

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Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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
1 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion 7 p.m.: Political forum in church
8 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Abby Smith, Remembrance Sunday
10 November ~ Tuesday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
11 November ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Minister's Office
12 November ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
15 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 November ~ Friday	Material due for December-January <i>Opoho Signal</i>
22 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
26 November ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
29 November ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Anne Thomson

* 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