



WESLEY WELLINGTON
75 Taranaki Street
www.wesleychurch.org.nz

Sunday 22nd May 2022
EASTERTIDE

Haere mai ki tēnei Whare Karakia
Welcome to this House of Prayer



We are a multi-racial Christian community:
Methodist in affiliation – Ecumenical in intention
Diverse in theology – Inclusive in outreach.

Kia ora koutou katoa — Talofa Lava
Malo e lelei — Bula Vinaka Greetings to you all!

Order of Service
10am Congregation
Wesley Methodist Church 75 Taranaki Street
22nd May 2022

Reflection: **Rev Nicola Teague Grundy**
Organ: **Colin Scarf**

Welcome and safety briefing **Alan**

Call to Worship

Our Host for this service today is Messiah Jesus.
Amen! He is indeed our Host!

Some of us gather here eagerly, others come dutifully, or casually.
Some come focussed on God, others bring many distractions.

Some arrive in good spirits and health,
others arrive with a new pain or grief.
But the same living Host is here for us all.
Thanks be to God!

Hymn: God of mercy, God of grace

God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of your face;
shine upon us, Saviour, shine,
fill your church with light divine;
and your saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise you, Lord!
be by all that live adored;
let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour King;
at your feet their tribute pay,
and your holy will obey.

Let the people praise you, Lord!
Earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to man his blessing give,
man to God devoted live:
all below, and all above,
one in joy and light and love.

Henry Francis Lyte

Prayer of Adoration and Praise

Prayer of Reconciliation

Listening God, sometimes we pray confidently, trusting in your love. Sometimes we approach you fearfully, conscious of our own failure. Sometimes we are reluctant to pray, evading your call to us. Sometimes our prayer is a snatched moment in the hassle of activity. But always you hear us. Companion God, we find ourselves in your company again, and find ourselves known by you.

Silence

We know that there are times when the noise and activity and busyness of our lives crowd you out. At other times, it may be anger, or pain or disappointment or bitterness that crowd you out.

We are reminded of your gift of peace in our lives that whispers to us of your mercy, your hope, your love. The gift of peace that weaves through the broken and hurt parts of our lives.

And even yet, we recognise those times when we may prefer to hold on to our insecurities and fears, rather than take hold of the gift of your peace. When we prefer to place our faith in what we can see and touch, possess and control. When our lives become entangled with the values of the world, and we forget what you have said and done and promised.

When we seek our identity in other than you and your teachings, forgive us.

Jesus, Teacher and Lord, out of love for us, you promise to knit together the wounded parts of our lives with your peace.

When our anxieties and fears are stronger than our belief in your promises, forgive us.

When our insistence on doing our own thing stifles the promptings of your Spirit, forgive us, Lord.

Lord of every part of our lives, help us to let go of all that hinders our acceptance of your peace, your love and your very life through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

This we pray in your name. Amen

Words of Assurance

Story Time - Treasure Hunt

Singing Group: We are moving

We are moving, we are moving,
On the pilgrim path of Jesus,
From our pride to being humble,
From enclosed to being open,
On the living path of Jesus.

We are loving, we are loving,
Loving in the way of Jesus,
From condemning to affirming,
From rejecting to embracing,
In the loving way of Jesus.

We are weaving, we are weaving,
Weaving many sacred patterns,
In a whole that's now emerging,
To embrace creative crafting,
Of a fabric with new patterns.

We are changing, we are changing,
To embrace the Way of Jesus,
From consuming to conserving,
From competing to supporting,
In the Way of life with Jesus.

Words & Music: Bill Wallace. Arrangement: Heather Garside

Christian Scriptures: John 14: 23-29 [CEV]

Sven

Jesus replied:

If anyone loves me, they will obey me. Then my Father will love them, and we will come to them and live in them. But anyone who doesn't love me, won't obey me. What they have heard me say doesn't really come from me, but from the Father who sent me.

I have told you these things while I am still with you. But the Holy Spirit will come and help you, because the Father will send the Spirit to take my place. The Spirit will teach you everything and will remind you of what I said while I was with you.

I give you peace, the kind of peace only I can give. It isn't like the peace this world can give. So don't be worried or afraid.

You have already heard me say I am going and I will also come back to you. If you really love me, you should be glad I am going back to the Father, because he is greater than I am.

I am telling you this before I leave, so when it does happen, you will have faith in me.

Reflection

Silent personal reflection

Hymn: Where mountains rise to open skies.

During the singing of this hymn our offering will be received.

Where mountains rise to open skies
your name, O God, is echoed far,
from island beach to kauri's reach,
in water's light in lake and star.

Your people's heart, your people's part
be in our caring for this land,
for faith to flower, for aroha
to let each other's mana stand.

From broken word, from conflict stirred,
from lack of vision, set us free
to see the line of your design,
to feel creation's energy.

Your love be known, compassion shown,
that every child have equal scope:
in justice done, in trust begun
shall be our heritage and hope.

Where mountains rise to open skies
your way of peace distil the air,
your spirit bind all humankind,
one covenant of life to share!

Words Shirley Murray, Music Vernon Griffiths.

Offering – Prayer of dedication

We give this offering to you, generous God. We give ourselves as well. Bless us as we give. Move us to help others and to love them, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Community time

Notices & Sharing of joys and concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Response to

Come with your peace, Lord Jesus;

Please come and heal your people.

The Lord's Prayer

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi

Kia tapu tou Ingoa

Kia tae mai tou rangatira-tanga.

Kia meatia tau e pai ai

ki runga i te whenua,

kia rite ano ki to te rangi.

Homai ki a mātou aianeī

he taro mā mātou mo tēnei ra.

Murua o mātou hara

Me mātou hoki e muru nei

i o te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.

Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whaka-waia;

Engari whaka-orangia mātou, i te kino:

Nou hoki te rangatira-tanga,

te kaha,

me te kororia,

Ake, ake, ake.

Āmine.

HYMN: Make me a channel of your peace

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord.

And where there's doubt, true faith in you:

O Master, grant that I may never seek

So much to be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand,

To be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light;
And where there's sadness, ever joy:
*O Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Sebastian Temple (Based on a traditional prayer)

Parting Words:

Grace (*we say the grace together*)

**Kia tau ki a tātou katoa,
te atawhai o to tātou Ariki o Ihu Karaiti,
me te aroha o te Atua,
me te whiwhinga tahitanga
ki te Wairua Tapu. Amine**

* * * * *

Liturgy for this service was sourced from:
Pilgrim Uniting Church, Australia, Moira Laidlaw and Bruce Prewer, Australian Prayers

Image: Peace I Leave with You!, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the
Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. [https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-
imagelink.pl?RC=58934](https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=58934)

* * *

Visit the IOam Facebook Page to keep up-to-date with services and
news: <https://www.facebook.com/wesleywellington.methodistchurch.10am>

Please join us in the foyer for refreshments following the service.

Thank you to the Manua Family for the refreshments.

Thank you Myra Tautau for the lovely flowers.