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**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022**  
**Combined Service - World Communion Sunday**

*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 – Combined Service**

**Leader: Rev Nicola Teague Grundy**  
**Organist: Vivien Chiu**

Welcoming you today is Daphne Pilaar.  
Welcome to today's service. A special welcome to visitors. We hope you will  
enjoy worshipping with us this morning and will join us again.

### **WELCOME AND SAFETY BRIEFING – Daphne Pilaar**

### **GATHERING**

#### **LIGHTING THE CANDLE – Ezekiel**

We take a flame and light our candle ...

*The candle is lit*

We light this candle in solidarity with those who have not the freedom to  
express their concern or celebration for fear of discrimination or  
condemnation.

**In all our joys and in all our concerns, may we be ever mindful of the  
presentness of the sacred among us, and to see the new possibilities of  
the now.**

#### **INTROIT – Tongan choir**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The whole world is in God's hands  
**Everything that lives and breathes.**  
**Everything that simply is. Everything.**

From the farthest spaces, to the inmost places!  
**God is with us and we are with God. Alleluia!**

As people of Christ, gathered at table,  
with our sisters and brothers around the world,  
to remember whose we are, we praise –  
**Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

Shall we pray?

With all that we have, with all that we are,  
We worship you, God-of-all-Being.

Bless this day. Bless this time. Bless this gathering.

Bless this world, with your overflowing love.

Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Amen!**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

God of brilliant sunsets and shining rainbows,  
God of golden daffodils and glowing autumn leaves,  
God of all the blues of sunlit seas,  
God of all the shades of green in bush and field,  
in rivers and oceans and lakes,  
in rough stones on a beach and polished jewels in a showcase,  
God of people, brown and amber, pink and ebony,  
artistic and athletic, practical and visionary,  
compassionate and laughter-bringing,  
God who colours us a world of variety,  
We thank you that you have made each of us unique,  
that you call us to contribute our special colours to the life around us.  
We come to you in thanksgiving and worship.  
Amen.

## **HYMN “ We are many we are one” [FFS 67]**

We are many, we are one,  
and the work of Christ is done  
when we learn to live in true community,  
as the stars that fill the night,  
as a flock of birds in flight,

as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;  
as the branches of a tree,  
as the waves upon the sea,  
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

All division is made whole  
when we honour every soul,  
find the life of God in every you and me,  
as the fingers of a hand,  
as the grains that form the sand,  
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;  
as the threads upon a loom,  
as a field of flowers in bloom,  
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

We will join creation's song,  
make a world where all belong,  
build as one in peace and loving harmony,  
as the voices of a choir,  
as the flames within a fire,  
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;  
as the snowflakes in the snow,  
as the colours of a bow,  
as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

## **STORY TIME**

World Communion Sunday calls us to celebrate and live out our oneness in Christ and in his mission that all peoples “may have life, and have it abundantly.”

### **Prayer**

We give thanks for the diversity and unity of the human family. We offer our thanks for the invitation to faith and are grateful for all the joy that it brings to us - even when life looks different. Each day there are new possibilities. We celebrate the company we keep with others, we celebrate your hopes for humanity and for the future. Amen.

## **HYMN for World Communion Sunday**

Great God, whose love enfolds us all,  
in any time and place:  
we pray this day for all the world,  
whatever creed and race,  
that they may feel your strong embrace,  
and so, great God, may we.

We pray that on the battlefields  
the fear and hate will cease:  
that love will move the hardest hearts,  
and give the anguished peace.  
from sorrow may they find release,  
and so, great God, may we.

And as we gather here today  
Your life and love to share;  
A great communion round the world  
Of Christians everywhere:  
We pray that they may know your care;  
And so, great God, may we.

Jan Chamberlain *Tune: Sheltered Dale*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord God,  
we confess that we have often failed to recognise  
that we belong together with all who follow Jesus.  
We have, at times, been guilty of criticising our sisters and brothers  
and undermined the unity of your church.  
We confess that we have been proud and opinionated.  
We have failed to recognise that we are together the body of Christ.  
Forgive us we pray  
and shower us with your mercy.  
Soften our hearts.  
Broaden our narrowness of vision.

Deliver us from our blindness and self-righteousness.  
Make us sensitive to your Spirit of unity  
and help us to be active in overcoming the barriers  
that divide us from other Christians.  
Make us your gracious and compassionate sons and daughters  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Hear the kindness which is offered to us  
When we remember who we are  
And ask for the grace of God in Jesus Christ.  
There is no condemnation for those who believe.  
We are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **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.**

## 10am SINGING GROUP – “Look upon us blessed Lord”

### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

In effortless phrases, well-worn upon our lips,  
simple forms of inspiration catch us, and call to us again.

**As these words settle into our minds,  
May we feel them stir and lift our hearts.**

### **Jeremiah 1: 4-10 [CEV]**

The LORD said:

“Jeremiah, I am your Creator,  
and before you were born,  
I chose you to speak for me  
to the nations.”

I replied, “I’m not a good speaker, LORD, and I’m too young.”

“Don’t say you’re too young,” the LORD answered. “If I tell you to go and speak to someone, then go! And when I tell you what to say, don’t leave out a word! I promise to be with you and keep you safe, so don’t be afraid.”

The LORD reached out his hand, then he touched my mouth and said, “I am giving you the words to say, and I am sending you with authority to speak to the nations for me. You will tell them of doom and destruction, and of rising and rebuilding again.”

### **Matthew 28: 16-20 [CEV]**

Jesus' eleven disciples went to a mountain in Galilee, where Jesus had told them to meet him. They saw him and worshiped him, but some of them doubted.

Jesus came to them and said:

I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth! Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything I have told you. I will be with you always, even until the end of the world.

## **REFLECTION - Rev Nicola Teague Grundy**

### **A CELEBRATION OF FAITH**

In response to the world reflected on, let us stand and join together in a celebration of faith.

We believe in a sacred power within and around us.

A Divine Source that we call by many names  
and experience in many ways,  
that empowers and heals,  
that calls us forth.

#### **We believe in our creativity.**

Making and transforming beauty  
Out of words and notes,  
    Images and colours, lines and pictures ...  
    and silence.

#### **We believe in doing justice.**

Justice that compels and empowers us  
to risk whatever we must risk  
    to create a climate  
    in which all people can be who they are.

#### **We believe in our dreams.**

We experience the world as it is,  
in both its ugliness and beauty,  
    and we see what it can become.

#### **We believe in making peace.**

A peace that is based on openness,  
    honesty and compassion.



**We believe in hope.**

We expect change to continue to occur in our world.

We rely on our courage to continue  
to bring about these changes.

**We believe in love.**

A passionate love within and around us  
that laughs and cries,  
challenges and comforts,  
a healing love that perseveres.

**We believe in potential.**

We know who we are,  
painful as that can be at times,  
yet we continue to call each other  
to become more of who we are.

**We believe in celebrating.**

We remember and we commemorate.  
We create rituals  
we play and dance, and sing and love well.

**We believe in our diversity.**

We affirm our many shapes and sizes,  
colours and traditions,  
emotions and thoughts,  
differences and similarities.

**We believe in life.**

Life that wells up within  
and flows out of us like a streaming fountain.

**We believe we are good and holy, a sacred part of all creation.**

## **OFFERING**

(We also acknowledge offerings made by automatic payment and online banking)

**Blessing of our Offering** (said together)

**God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives  
we offer these gifts to you.**

**Through your blessing and our willingness to share,  
may these offerings become a source for hope and love  
in this church family, and in the community beyond us,  
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **TABLE BLESSING**

To your table you bid us come.

You have set the places, you have poured the wine,  
and there is always room, you say, for one more.

And so we come.

From the streets and from the alleys we come.

From the deserts and from the hills we come.

From the ravages of poverty and from the palaces of privilege we come.

Running,  
limping,  
carried,  
we come.

We are bloodied with our wars, we are wearied with our wounds,  
we carry our dead within us, and we reckon with their ghosts.

We hold the seeds of healing, we dream of a new creation,  
we know the things that make for peace,  
and we struggle to give them wings.

And yet, to your table we come.  
Hungering for your bread, we come;  
thirsting for your wine, we come;

singing your song in every language,  
speaking your name in every tongue,  
in conflict and in communion,  
in discord and in desire,  
we come, O God of Wisdom,  
we come.

**HYMN: “One in Love, We meet together/Love Divine” (Tune: ‘Hyfrydol’)**

One in love, we meet together,  
one in time, and never apart.  
We in flesh as brother, sister,  
makes us one in mind and heart.  
All incarnate, we would offer,  
all we most sincerely prize,  
Learning though traditions differ  
how they join to make us wise.

**Fijian**

Sa dau yaco mai na gauna  
Kivei keda kecega,  
Me da digitaka kina  
Na vinaka se na ca:  
Me da vakatudaliga  
Ki na kaci i Jisu,  
Se muria ga na meca  
Era cati Koya tu.

**Tongan**

Ofaange ke lilingi  
Ki he fakataha ni  
‘A e kelesi Hotau ‘Eiki  
Hono ivi ngaue mai!  
Ka tau hao mei he kovi,  
Ka tau laka pe ki mu’a  
‘O tau tupu ai ke ofi  
Ki he anga he ‘Otua.

## **Samoan**

Le Alii e, silasila  
la i matou uma nei  
O tagata agasala  
Ma ua matua sese  
A ia e sisila lava  
I le maliu o Iesu  
Le na matua saunia  
O le olataga fou.

One in outlook, always searching,  
not to bind in common creed,  
As a people, be more ready  
to respond to other's need.  
Here we are so finely fashioned,  
understanding, here to serve,  
Never narrow in compassion,  
empathy without reserve.

## **MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT**

We, many as we are, are one body in Christ.  
If we do not love our brothers and sisters  
whom we have seen,  
how can we love God whom we have not seen?  
The peace of God be with you.  
**And God's peace be with you.**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord is here.  
**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

With all your people in heaven and on earth  
we give you thanks for Jesus Christ,  
through whom all things were made;  
who in the fullness of time became flesh  
and lived among us, full of grace and truth;  
who in obedience suffered death on the cross,  
and was raised in triumph that we might have life.  
Therefore,  
we worship and praise your glorious name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, living God,  
creator and sustainer of the universe;  
you gave us your beloved Son Jesus Christ  
who, on the night he was betrayed, took bread  
and after giving thanks broke it  
and gave it to his disciples saying,

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this to remember me.”  
In the same way he took the cup after supper  
and said,

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood.  
Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

**Glory to you, Lord Christ:  
your death we proclaim;  
your resurrection we celebrate;**

**your coming we await. Amen.**

### **Prayer to the Holy Spirit and Breaking of the Bread**

Come Holy Spirit,  
that these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the bread  
of life and the cup of salvation. Bind us into one body, that we may grow  
into the fullness of Christ who is the head.  
**Amen.**

**We come to your table, Lord, trusting not in our own righteousness but  
in your great mercy. We are not worthy even to gather the crumbs  
from under the table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always  
to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat this  
bread and drink this wine that Christ may evermore dwell in us we in  
him. Amen.**

### **Communion**

*During communion the Fijians will be singing. Please come to one of the  
serving stations from the outside aisle, receive communion, then go back  
to your seats in unity from the centre aisle.*

### **Prayer after communion**

May we who have remembered Jesus, who have shared in a foretaste of a  
world where everyone has a place at the table be inspired by what we have  
shared in.

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
We thank you with all our heart for your mercy and grace.  
Grant us now and in the days to come a living hope in you;  
and as we serve you in the world,  
help us look and work for that day  
when at your name every knee shall bow  
and every tongue confess you Lord,  
to the glory of God. Amen**

## **PARTING WORDS**

God reaches beyond this place...

*Candle is extinguished*

May the God of Life,  
be your guide on the road every day,  
be your refuge in times of uncertainty  
and be your rest in times of fatigue.

May the God of Life,  
strengthen you when you feel weak,  
comfort you when you feel sad  
and hug you when you feel alone.

May the God of Life,  
who loves you and knows you,  
cover you with the tenderness of a Mother.  
Forever.

## **Ma te Marie (Sung unaccompanied)**

Ma te marie a te Atua	<i>The peace of God</i>
Tatou katoa e tiaki;	<i>keep us all.</i>
Mana ano e whakau	<i>He will confirm our</i>
O tatou ngakau ki te pai	<i>hearts in goodness.</i>

Ma te Atua Tamaiti ra	<i>May the Son of God</i>
Ma te Wairua Tapu hoki	<i>and the Holy Spirit</i>
Ratou, Atua Kotahi nei.	<i>too, one God,</i>
Tatou katoa e whakapai.	<i>Bless us all.</i>
Amine.	<i>Amen.</i>

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