



Wesley Wellington

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Sunday 4th September

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

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



Order of Service
10am Combined Service
Wesley Methodist Church, 75 Taranaki St
12 June 2022
SEASON OF CREATION
Leader: Sikeli Cawanikawai
Organist: Vivien Chiu

Greetings & Welcome

Lighting of the Candle

Introit

Samoan Chior

Call to Worship

We have gathered to celebrate God's presence
**We have come seeking comfort,
Inspiration, community and insight**
*We have come to open ourselves
To the power of God's presence in our midst.*
**We come remembering Christ's life and Ministry
And the life we're called to live**
We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey
**We come as pilgrim people
Searching for ways to live out our faith**
We come to worship in this new season of Creation
**And to ask God's help in our learning
And in our growing.**
Amen.

Hymn: 'O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing' (H&P 744)

1. **English**
O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of God's grace!
2. **Samoan**
Lo'u matai ma lo'u Atua
Fesoasoani mai
E talai atu I le lalolagi
Lou suafa mamalu.

3. **Tongan**
 Ko Sisu 'a e Huafa lahi
 'O 'ikai hano ua:
 "kai ha taha ke tatau,
 Ha taha ke kakunga.
4. **Fijian**
 Sa vosa ga, qai reki mai
 Na yalo vutugu;
 Na mataboko, era rai;
 na bale era tu.
5. **English**
 Hear him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
 Your loosened tongues employ;
 Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
 And leap, ye lame, for joy!

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Prayer

Gracious God, who creates, sustains and redeems all life
 We come seeking your disturbing presence and comforting peace.
 We praise you for the joy of being your people
 You have called us to be your own
 We long to respond to your call openly, fully and lovingly.
 Open our hearts that we pray with honesty
 And await your answers with renewed faith
 May your spirit be with us and move within us in this time of worship
 Loving God, give us hearts that hear your word
 And minds that are open
 To the transforming power of your love.
 Fill us with your love and empower us for faithful living
 Hear our deepest desire and yearning
 Reveal your self in spirit and truth
 And touch our lives with the life of Jesus Christ
 For in his name we pray

Amen

(we pray together the Lord's Prayer in our language choice).

10am Singing Group

**Scripture Reading— NRSV
 Youth**

Tongan

Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to

them, 26 “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, 30 saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ 31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Anthem

Fijian Congregation

Reflection—The life of Discipleship

“Those who do not carry their own cross and come after me can not be my disciple”

Prayer of Confession

God of all Creation

You loved us into being

Yet, we often flee our rightful place in your creation

We confess that we exploit the gifts you place around us

And dominate the richness of the natural order

Forgive our greedy grasping

We confess our part in the devastation of our planet home

Mirrored in the violence of Countries

And the brokenness of hearts

Forgive and restore us O God

Nurturing God, remind us of other ways to live

And of a place called home

Where Creation reflects your goodness

And all living being live in balance with each other

Grant that we may serve and please you in newness of life

To the honour and glory of your holy name

Through Jesus Christ, our saviour,

Amen.

Hymn—(H & P 705)

I.English

Take my life, and let it be

Consecrated, Lord, to thee;

Take my moments and my days,

Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2.Samoan

O outou o tigaina
Tepa tonu ia Iesu;
Lona alofa tele lava

E maua ai le filemu.

3.Tongan

Sisu, ke ke ma'u ma'au
'Eku ngaahi mea kotoa;
Taleniti, ngaahi ta'u
Fanau, fale, mo e koloa.

4.English

Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as thou shalt choose.

5.Fijian

Na ligaqu na Kalou
Mo Ni taura tu oqo
Me'u sa ogataka ga
Ka ni bula vou ko ya.

6.English

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure-store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

Invitation to the Offering

With Joy, let us present offerings of commitment and support
For the work of Christ's Church.

Remember the words of Jesus who said;
"Freely you have received, freely give" (Mat 10:8)

With joy, let us present offerings of commitment and support
For the work of Christ's Church.

(Offerings will now be received)

Offering Prayer

Ever-present God

By your generosity we have received

All that we have and all that we are

Grant that we may so use the things which you have entrusted to our care.

With this offering, we present also ourselves.

All that we have been, all that we are
And all that we shall become
Accept us and our offering
For Jesus's sake we pray
Amen

Holy Communion

The celebration of communion is always a festival of friends
A pulling together of our Love and our Hope
Our moments of agony and our glimpse of victory
It is here that bread is broken and wine is shared
That we can most fully be ourselves
And see others for who they truly are
Let us remember that vision of God's reign shown to us in Jesus at the table.
He shared food with followers and friends, with saints and sinners
With crowds of thousands on a hillside
And a few friends in the upper room.

On the night before he died
He had supper with his companions
He took a loaf of bread and after giving thanks
He broke it and gave it to them saying;
"Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me"
Then he took a cup and after giving thanks
He passed it among them saying
"Drink this. Do this in remembrance of me".
Through this loaf and cup, Jesus lives within us
In word and deed, Jesus lives amongst us.

We proclaim Christ's death
We celebrate Christ's resurrection
We await Christ's coming again.

(The Tongan Choir, who will sing during today's communion, are invited to come forward first, followed by everyone. Please approach by the center aisle for your bread and return by the side for you wine)

Holy Communion Prayer

Almighty God

We give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table

By granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.

Strengthen our faith and Increase our love for one another

Send us forth into the world united in courage and peace

**Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit
Through Jesus Christ our savior
Amen.**

Hymn - (H & P) 463

'To God Be the Glory'

1.English

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life in atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in:
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son;
And give him the glory - great things he has done!

2.Tongan

'Ahake kainga mo fakafeta'i
Tau fakamalo he mana ne fai
'I Petelihema he kuonga mu'a:
'A e hoko tangata 'a hotau 'Otua!
Fakafeta'i! Fakafeta'i!
Ko e pehe te tau noa!
Fakamalo he 'ofa 'a hotau 'Otua.
Ne tuku 'a Langi mo hono masani
Kae ha'u 'o huhu'i 'a e hia 'a mamani.

3.Samoan

Avatu ia le faafetai
I le Atua i mea na fai
Ua la faaola i tatou uma nei
I lona alofa ma le agalelei
la viia, la viia
E i tatou o la
la viia, la viia
Le Atua mata'utia
O lona alofa ua fa'aalia mai
E ala ia lesu ua foa'i mai.

4.Fijian

Vakamuduo ga vei Jisu edai
Mai mate ka rube e kauveilatai
Bokoci na ca meda bula vua
me da cuva sobu ka vakatusa.

sere ga sere ga meda sere vua
sere ga sere ga me da sere vua
Tou ia ka lako vei Jisu edai
Me da mai curu ki loma ni bai

5.English

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see:
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son;
And give him the glory - great things he has done!

Sending Forth

Go forth for the Love of God is yours to share
The Peace of Christ is yours to offer
The power of the Holy Spirit is yours to extend

Mate atua e marie

**Ma te marie a te Atua
Tatou katoa e tiaki;
Mana ano e whakau
O tatou ngakau ki te pai.**

*The peace of God
keep us all.
He will confirm
our hearts in goodness.*

**Ma te Atua Tamaiti ra,
Ma te Wairua Tapu hoki,
Ratou, Atua kotahi nei.
Tatou katoa e whakapai.
Amine.**

*May the Son of God
and the Holy Spirit too,
one God,
Bless us all.
Amen.*

Please join us in the new hall for refreshments following the service.