



Wesley Wellington
75 Taranaki Street
www.wesleychurch.org.nz

Rātapu, te 16 o Whiringa-ā-rangi (November) 2025
Te Rātapu rua tekau mā toru o te Petekoha (Pentecost 23)

Haere mai ki tēnei whare karakia - welcome to this house of prayer



Do not be weary in doing what is right

Living God's love – acting for the common good

Kia ora koutou katoa — Tālofa lava
Mālō e lelei — Bula vinaka — Greetings to you all!

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.

Welcoming you today are Philippa Conway & Bill Ryan

10AM Congregation – Order of Service
Worship leader: Hugh Laurenson
Organist: Colin Scarf

As we gather, we acknowledge Ngāti Mutunga and Te Āti Awa, who hold mana whenua of this land. We acknowledge Te Tiriti o Waitangi [The Treaty of Waitangi], that established our nation, recognising mana [sovereignty] and rangatiratanga [chieftainship] as the right foundation to govern our people with justice and mercy. We seek to honour this commitment in our lives and in our worship.

Welcome and Safety Briefing

Alan Dine

Call to Worship (Ngā Kupu Whakapūare)

Ko te rā tēnei i hanga i Ihowā. **This is the day that the Lord has made.**
Kia hari, kia koa tatou. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Most wonderful God, you are Holy and your name is Love. By your Spirit unite the many melodies, and discords, of our separate lives into one holy harmony of worship. In this hour prepare us for all the other hours of this week, that every place and every task may be holy. Let your name be our inspiration and your glory our greatest joy. In the name of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Lighting the candle (Kānara Whakamāmā)

As we light this candle, we are reminded to keep our lamps burning bright – to be watchful, to be faithful, and to be prepared. May your light help to overcome the darkness and fill our broken world with love, peace, joy, and hope. Amen.

Opening Prayer (Inoi Tuatahi)

Creating God, you grasp chaos and shake it into new heavens brimming with light,

new earth teeming with life. You delight in your children so much that before we finish our sentences, you have heard our hearts; before we whisper our dreams, you fill our needs.

Word of God, you shape our lips and loosen our tongues that we might witness to your kingdom where enemies take naps together, where meat-eaters become vegetarians.

Spirit of Wisdom, open us, that we might trust without fear; fill us, that we might discern our call to faithfulness; teach us, that we would make known our thanks to the farthest shores of the universe. **Amen.**

Hymn (Himene): One more step along the world I go (A&M 757)

1. One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go,
From the old things to the new,
Keep me travelling along with you:

Refrain:

***And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.***

2. Round the corners of the world I turn,
More and more about the world I learn;
All the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me.
3. As I travel through the bad and good,
Keep me travelling the way I should;
Where I see no way to go
You'll be telling me the way, I know.
4. Give me courage when the world is rough,
Keep me loving though the world is tough;
Leap and sing in all I do,

Keep me travelling along with you.

5. You are older than the world can be,
You are younger than the life in me;
Ever old and ever new,
Keep me travelling along with you.

Sydney Carter

Prayer of Approach & Words of Assurance (Kupu Kī Pono)

We confess that our lives weaken us, strengthening God. We do not exercise our faith as we should and so fatigue easily. You are our hope, tender God, so forgive us. Create in us new hearts and fill us with new energy to serve our sisters and brothers. Help us to bring them to the deep wells of salvation, where they can fill their parched souls, even as we have been led to them by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

God is our strength and our salvation. God's anger is turned away, and in its place, we find comfort, steadfast love, and forgiveness. With this hope, we can draw water from the wells of salvation with joy and thanksgiving. **Amen.**

Introducing the Theme (Tīmatanga Kōrero)

Hymn (Hīmene): In this familiar place (AA 72)

1. In this familiar place
I know the mystery of your grace.

Refrain:

***For the love that I receive,
for the truth that I believe,
I praise and thank you;
for this here and now.***

2. In halting song and word

the music of your voice is heard

3. Among these friends of mine
I taste the company divine.

4. Within this narrow sphere
I learn that you are everywhere.

Colin Gibson

Ministry of the Word (Ngā Pānui Karaipiture)

Masoe whānau

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (NRSV Updated Edition)

Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they[a] received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reflection (He Whakaaroaro)

Hymn (Himene): Deep in the human heart (HIOS 19)

1. Deep in the human heart the fires of justice burn.
With visions of a world renewed through radical concern.
As Christians we are called to set the captives free,
To overthrow the evil powers and end hypocrisy.

2. This is our task today to build a world of peace.

A world of justice, freedom, truth, where kindness will increase.

A world from hunger freed, a world where people share,

Where every person is of worth and no-one lives in fear.

3. Taking the step of faith, we leave the past behind and move into the future's world with open heart and mind.

By grace we work with Christ, as one community,

To bring new hope and fuller life to all humanity.

William Wallace

Community Time

Sharing the Peace

Notices

Sharing joys, things we are grateful for, sorrows and concerns

Prayers of Intercession (Ngā Inoi Mō Te Whānau)

Lord God, we give you thanks for all your gifts to us—for daily food, for health, for each breath we take, for freedom to choose, and for the gifts of your word, your power and your love. Our hearts are truly overwhelmed, O God, when we consider how you have entrusted so much to us. May we be worthy of that trust—may we be a people who are unafraid to live as fully and as richly as you want us to live. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us, O God, as followers of Jesus, to multiply all that you have given us, to risk spreading your word and perhaps see it misunderstood, to gamble by loving those whom others think worthy only of hate, to take chances by doing good to those who have not done good to us. Help us be faith filled and desire to increase your glory and your goodness in this world. Make us people who

share in both word and deed that which you have given to us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church gathered today, both here and around the world, that it may encourage all its members to discover, develop and use all their gifts, those of nature and those of grace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are poor in body or in spirit, for those oppressed and heavy laden, for those sick or in despair. Minister by your Spirit and by us, to all those for whom we have prayed, and help us walk faithfully in the path of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (He Inoi O Te Ariki)

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tou Ingoa
Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga.
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 whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou, i te kino:
Nou hoki te rangatiratanga,
te kaha, me te kororia,
Ake, ake, ake. Āmine.**

Offering (Tātou Koha Ki Te Hāhi)

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

Blessing of offerings (said together)

Generous God, we bring our diverse gifts. Let your Holy Spirit breathe life into our serving, so that all that we do may bring glory to your name. Amen.

Hymn (Himene): Lord, pull the stopper

Lord, pull the stopper from the bath in which I lie,
a-soaking in the suds of faith until the day I die;
I'm clean and green there's a brilliant sheen on all I think and do,
but it's dust and grime and a working time if I would follow you.

Refrain:

Help me to see reality

For there you will be found;

Help me to change, and change with me:

make life my holy ground.

Lord, snatch the pillow from the bed in which I lie,
a-dreaming in a golden dream of heaven by and by;
There's too much scope for pious hope in all I think and do,
But it's feet on the floor and out the door if I would follow you.

Open the cupboard of love in which I like to hide,
It's small and, well, there's a musty smell from all that is inside.
I measure out my charity one teaspoon at a time,
But it's spring clean day, give it all away, if I would take your line.

Colin Gibson

Extinguishing the candle (Kānara Whakapoko)

Sending forth/Benediction (Ngā Inoi Whakamutunga)

Go now and tell the world what God does. Do not chase after self-proclaimed

messiahs but draw deeply from God's saving well and speak the words the Spirit gives you. Do not be weary in doing what is right.

And may God delight in you and give you strength; May Christ Jesus lead you in the ways of new life; And may the Holy Spirit give you the words and wisdom to withstand all that would tear you down.

The Grace (said together)

**Kia tau ki a tātou katoa,
te atawhai o tō tātou Ariki o Ihu Karaiti,
me te aroha o te Atua,
me te whiwhingatahitanga
ki te Wairua Tapu. Āmine**

***Please join us for morning tea in the New Hall following the service.
Many thanks to the Manuao whānau for providing today's kai and
manaakitanga.***

Liturgy for this service was sourced from:

[Pilgrim Uniting Church](#)
[The Billabong](#)
[Life in Liturgy](#)

Hymns used are covered by CCLI Licence #230381

AI image on front cover generated with Microsoft Designer

To keep up to date with services and news, visit the parish website: <https://wesleychurch.org.nz/>

Or the 10AM Congregation's Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/wesleywellington.methodistchurch.10am>

View this and previous services on our [YouTube channel](#) – search for 'Wellington Methodist Parish'