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22nd Sunday after Pentecost

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



“God of the Living – Le Atua o le Ola”

Worship Leader- Rev. Suiva’aia Te’o

Welcome to our gathering as a community of faith
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!*

Safety Briefing

Lighting of the Candle

Candle Lighting Prayer:

As we light this candle, we remember Christ
the light that no darkness can overcome.
The flame reminds us of the risen Lord,
whose resurrection changes everything
turning sorrow into hope,
and death into life everlasting.

**May this light shine in our worship and in our hearts,
guiding us to live as people of resurrection.**

Amen.

Call to Worship:

Leader: The Lord is our life and our salvation!
Why should we be afraid?

People: We come to worship the God of the living,
the One who raises us from despair to hope.

Leader: Jesus says, “God is not the God of the dead,
but of the living — for all live to Him.”

People: We come with hearts alive in faith,
ready to celebrate the power of resurrection love!

Leader: Come, let us worship God
the Creator of life, the Redeemer of our souls,
and the Spirit who makes all things new.

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Opening Prayer:

Living God,
we come before You with grateful hearts.
You are the God who brings life out of death,
hope out of despair, and joy out of sorrow.
Thank You for the promise of resurrection —
a promise that changes how we see this world
and how we live within it.

Bless our worship this morning.
Open our hearts to Your Word,
our ears to Your voice,
and our lives to Your Spirit.
May the power of the risen Christ be felt among us today,
and may we leave this place renewed in faith and hope.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn: *H&P 250 Alleluia, Alleluia give thanks by Don Fishel 1928*

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.*

1. JESUS is Lord of all the earth,
He is the King of creation.
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth
Jesus has died and has risen
3. We have been crucified with Christ
Now we shall live for ever
4. God has proclaimed the just reward
New life for all! Alleluia!
5. Come, let us praise the living God
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.

Prayer of Confession:

God of mercy and truth,
You call us to live as people of resurrection,
yet we confess how easily we live as though the tomb were still
sealed.

We doubt Your power to renew,
we cling to the things that hold us back,
and we fail to trust that You are making all things new.

Forgive us, Lord.
Raise us to newness of life.
Help us to walk in Your light
and to reflect Your love in our words and deeds.
In the name of the Risen Christ we pray.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
and Christ lives to intercede for us.
In Him we are forgiven, renewed, and set free.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Children's Story: *The seed that came back to life*

Hymn: *H&P 463 To God be the glory by Frances Jane van
Alstyne 1820-1915*

1. 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. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood

To every believer the promise of God
And every offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

3. 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.

Scripture Reading: Luke 20:27-38 (NIV)

²⁷ Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. ²⁸ “Teacher,” they said, “Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. ³⁰ The second ³¹ and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. ³² Finally, the woman died too. ³³ Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?”

³⁴ Jesus replied, “The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵ But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, ³⁶ and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God’s children, since they are children of the resurrection. ³⁷ But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord ‘the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’^[a] ³⁸ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.”

Sermon: *God of the Living – Le Atua o le Ola*

Hymn: *H&P 45 The great love of God by Daniel T. Niles 1908-70*

1. The great love of God,
is revealed in the Son
Who came to this earth,
to redeem everyone.
2. That love like a stream
Flowing clear to the sea
Makes clean every heart
That from sin would be free
3. It binds the whole world
Every barrier it breaks
The hills it lays low
And the mountains it shakes
4. It's yours, it is ours
O how lavishly given
The pearl of great price
And the treasure of heaven.

Prayers of Intercession:

Living God,
we thank You for the hope of resurrection
that gives meaning to our days and courage for our journey.
You are the God not of the dead but of the living —
the One who breathes new life into dry bones,
and restores hope where hearts have grown weary.

We pray for our world —
for places where war and fear still rule,
where the innocent suffer and the voices of peace are silenced.
Let Your light shine through the darkness,

and may Your living presence bring justice, healing, and reconciliation.

We pray for our community —
for those who are lonely, grieving, or struggling in mind, body, or spirit.
Bring to them Your comfort and courage,
that they may know You walk beside them in their pain.

We pray for our Church and our Parish —
for all who serve, lead, and care in this place.
Renew in us the joy of being a living church,
alive with faith, compassion, and service.
Bless our leaders, our ministry team, and every member and family,
that together we may reflect the life and love of Christ in all we do.

We pray for our young people —
that they may grow strong in faith and purpose.
Guide them through the challenges of study, work, and relationships.
May they know that they are deeply loved,
and that their lives are precious to You, the God of the Living.

We pray for our families —
for homes filled with love, patience, and forgiveness.
For parents and grandparents who nurture faith,
and for children whose laughter reminds us of Your joy.

We pray for the upcoming **Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand** —
for the President and Vice President, for chaplains, delegates, and all who will gather on-line.
May Your Spirit of wisdom, unity, and love guide every decision and discussion.
Let this be a living witness of faith in action,
where hearts are inspired, relationships strengthened,
and Your mission renewed for the days ahead.

We pray for the wider Church —
for all who proclaim Christ's living Word across our world.
May we, together, be witnesses of a faith that brings life,
a hope that never fades,
and a love that conquers death.

We remember before You those we love who have died,
trusting that they are alive in Your eternal presence,
where every tear is wiped away and every life made whole.

Through Jesus Christ, our risen and living Lord, we pray.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer (said together)

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 whaka-waia;
Engari whaka-orangia mātou, i te kino:
Nou hoki te rangatiratanga,
te kaha,
me te kororia,
Ake, ake, ake. Āmine.

Community Time

Sharing the Peace:

Let's greet each other saying: **"God's peace be with you."**

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

Prayer

Generous God,
all that we have comes from You.
Receive these gifts — the work of our hands and the love of our hearts.
Use them to bring hope, healing, and resurrection life to others.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

Notices

Sharing Joys, Things we are Grateful for, Sorrows & Concerns

Closing Hymn: *H&P 685 O Love that wilt not let me go*
George Matheson 1842-1906

1. O LOVE that wilt not let me go
I rest my weary soul in thee
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.
2. O light that followest all my way
I yield my flickering torch to thee.
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.
3. O joy that seekest me through pain,

I cannot close my heart to thee:
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

4. O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee:
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Benediction

Go now as people of resurrection life —
knowing that the God of the living goes with you,
Christ the risen One walks beside you,
and the Spirit of life breathes through you.

The Grace (said 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.**

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Please join us for morning tea in the New Hall.

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