



Wesley Methodist Church
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Sunday 14 June 2026

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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



Courageous Discipleship

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
Sunday 14 June 2026
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Leader: Shelly Rao Organist: Vivien Chiu

Acknowledgment

As we gather, we acknowledge Māori, te tangata whenua, the people of this land, and 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 & House Keeping

A Call to Worship (Inspired by Romans 5)

In the midst of our failures,

We stand in God's grace.

In the midst of our struggles,

We boast in our hope through Christ.

In the midst of our suffering,

We claim the endurance given by the Holy Spirit.

In every part of our lives,

The love of our Divine Creator has been poured into our hearts.

Let us be open to this love as we join together in worship.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of peace,

We thank you for your Son Jesus,
Who in living, dying and rising again
was victorious over sin and death,
making a way for us to be reconciled with you,
with ourselves and each other,
and with all of creation.

With one voice

We give you glory and honour

God of grace,

we give you thanks that you listen to our cries.
You incline towards us and lift us as an eagle to yourself,
that we might be known and treasured as your children.

With one voice

We give you glory and honour

God of hope,

You poured out your love into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit.

In our weakness and in our strength,
in our living and in our dying,
in our coming in and going out
You are with us.

With one voice

We give you glory and honour

To God the Father,
God the Son,
And God the Holy Spirit,
be glory and praise, now and forever.
Amen.

Lighting the Candle (said together)

**As we begin worship today
let us light the Christ Candle
remembering that as a people of God
we are a light to the world
that cries out for justice, hope, and peace.
Amen.**

**Hymn: *All people that on Earth do dwell (H&P 1)*
(W. Kethe)**

1. All people that on Earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell;
Come ye before him and rejoice.
2. The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.
3. O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;

Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

4. For why? The Lord our God is good;
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

Prayer of Approach

Father, we come to you
seeking the refuge that only you can give.
“Keep us safe, O Lord,” for you are our protector,
our steady place, our peace in every moment.

We acknowledge today and always
that “You are our Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing.”

Help our heart stay anchored in you.
Remind us that every blessing, every breath,
and every bit of strength comes from your hand.

Teach us to depend on you fully
to trust your guidance,
to rest in your presence,
and to find our joy in who you are.

Lord, be our shelter, our portion, and our delight.
Keep us close to you today.
In Jesus name, **Amen.**

Words of Assurance

If we live by the Spirit,
we will be guided by the Spirit.

Guided by the Spirit,
we are children of the Spirit,
healed by God's love,
and blessed by Christ's grace.

Praise be to God. Amen

Introducing the theme/Story time

Waiata: Wairua tapu tau mai ra

(Ngāpō Wehi)

Wairua tapu tau mai rā
Wairua tapu mai i runga
Uhia mai ngā taonga pai
Homai tō aroha

Holy Spirit embrace me
Holy Spirit from up above
encase me in the precious gifts
give to me your love.

Wahia ka tika
Akona mai rā kia ū ki te pai
Horohia kia mau tonu rā
Mōhou te tino korōria

This place of truth
teach me the things that are
right
bathe me, cleanse me
to You goes the glory.

Bible Reading

Genesis 18: 1- 15 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground.

He said, “My Lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on since you have come to your servant.”

So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife, Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah

was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?” The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

Gospel Reading

Matt 9:35 – 10: 8 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus, Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Reflection: On being Blessed

Hymn: Give thanks with a Grateful heart (CMP)

(Henry Smith)

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks, because he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say, 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us;
and now let the weak say 'I am strong',
let the poor say, 'I am rich',
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Give thanks

Community Time

Sharing the Peace

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

Notices

Sharing Joys, Gratitude, Prayers for Sorrows & Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for those who are alone.

For this community and nation, remembering especially our political leaders, our church leaders, our business leaders, and for the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Dr Te Aroha Rountree, our church President; Rev Tara, our General Secretary; Rev Nicola, our Kai Hāpai; Rev Neti, our Lower Island Synod Superintendent; Rev Joeli, our Parish Superintendent and all the presbyters, lay preachers and leaders of our parish.

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name forever and ever.

We pray for all who have passed on, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *(Pause)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *SILENCE*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so, uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.**

Offering

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

Blessing of Offering (said together)

Faithful God, we worship you with joy and gladness.

You have loved and sustained us through every generation.

As we give, let our offerings strengthen ministries

that bring hope, healing, and transformation to the world.

With thankful hearts, we rejoice and sing.

Amen.

Hymn: God of the Bible (FFS 25)

(Shirley E Murray)

1. God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,

freedom or prison, you are our home.

Refrain: (sung twice)

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

2. God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

Refrain

3. Those without status, those who are nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights.

Refrain

4. Not by your finger, not by your anger
will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way.

Refrain

5. Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly one to the other,
till our world changes facing the Cross.

Refrain

Blessing

May the God of hope

journey with us in sun and rain

May the God of grace

guide us both day and night

May the God of peace

make our hands work tirelessly for the kingdom

May the God of love

be made real to all through our life and work.

Amen.

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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