



Wesley Methodist Church

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Sunday 15 February 2026

Transfiguration Sunday

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



God makes things clear: Listen to Him

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 15 February 2026
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Leader: Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o **Organist:** Colin Scarf

SAFETY BRIEFING:

WELCOME:

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY:

Leader:

On the mountain, Christ shone with the light of God's glory.

(Candle is lit)

Leader:

This light was not given to dazzle,
but to reveal.

All:

Christ is the light of the world.

Leader:

May this light guide our listening,
our worship,
and our living.

All:

We walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader:

We come to worship the God who reveals glory in unexpected places.

People:

We come seeking light in the midst of shadow.

Leader:

On the mountain, God spoke clearly: "This is my Son, the Beloved."

People:

We listen for Christ's voice among the many voices of the world.

Leader:

Let us worship the God who makes all things clear.

All:

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER:

Holy and glorious God,
you are the One who reveals your presence
not to overwhelm us,
but to guide us.

As you revealed your glory to the disciples on the mountain,
reveal your truth to us today.
Clear away our confusion,
quiet our fears,
and help us listen deeply to your Son.

May this time of worship transform us,
so that we may follow Christ faithfully
when we come down from the mountain
into the life of the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
your beloved Son. **Amen.**

HYMN: Immortal, invisible, God only wise (H&P 9)

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light.
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight,
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.
5. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God,
we confess that we often prefer comfort to clarity,
and familiarity to truth.

We listen to many voices
but fail to listen to your Son.
We cling to the mountaintop moments
and resist following Jesus
into the valleys of real life.

Forgive us, O God.
Clear our hearts and minds,
so that we may hear Christ clearly
and follow him faithfully.

Silence...

Assurance of Pardon

Leader:

Hear the good news:
God does not leave us in confusion or fear.

In Jesus Christ,
God speaks clearly,
forgives completely,
and calls us lovingly.

All:

**In Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

INTRODUCING THE THEME: “God makes things clear: Listen to Him”

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Epistle: *2 Peter 1:16–21 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)*

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Gospel: *Matthew 17:1–9 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)*

17 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I¹ will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶When the

disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

SERMON: "God makes things clear: Listen to Him"

HYMN: **Trust and Obey (H&P 687)**

1. When we walk with the Lord
In the light of his word
What a glory he sheds on our way
While we do his good will
He abides with us still
And with all who will trust and obey:

Refrain: *Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus
But to trust and obey.*

2. Not a burden we bear
Not a sorrow we share
But our toil he doth richly repay
Not a grief nor a loss
Not a frown nor a cross
But is blest if we trust and obey: **Refrain**
3. But we never can prove
The delights of his love
Until all on the altar we lay

For the favour he shows
And the joy he bestows
Are for them who will trust and obey: **Refrain**

4. Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at his feet
Or we'll walk by his side in the way
What he says we will do
Where he sends, we will go
Never fear, only trust and obey: **Refrain**

COMMUNITY TIME:

Notices

Sharing Joys – things we are grateful for – sorrow & concerns

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Leader:

For the nations of the world,
where there is conflict, violence, fear, and uncertainty—
for places where truth is distorted
and power is used without compassion—

People:

God of light, bring clarity, justice, and peace.

Leader:

For all affected by war, displacement, poverty,
and the changing climate of our planet—

People:

God of mercy, reveal paths of healing and hope.

Leader:

For our communities, cities, and neighbourhoods—
for those who feel unseen or unheard,
for those struggling with housing, health, or employment—

People:

God of compassion, shine the light of Christ among us.

Leader:

For schools, workplaces, and community leaders,
for those making decisions that affect many lives—

People:

God of wisdom, grant clarity, courage, and care.

Leader:

For families in all their shapes and stories—
for those bound by love,
and for those living with tension, grief, or separation—

People:

God of love, bring understanding, patience, and peace.

Leader:

For parents, children, young people, and elders—
for those finding their way,
and those longing for reassurance and direction—

People:

God of faithfulness, guide each step with your light.

Leader:

For your Church throughout the world,
called to listen to Christ and follow him beyond the mountaintop—

People:

God of glory, help us to hear your voice clearly.

Leader:

For this congregation and our shared life of worship, service, and witness—

People:

God of grace, transform us for the sake of the world.

Leader:

For the places in our own lives where the way ahead feels unclear, where fear, doubt, or fatigue weigh heavily—

People:

God of hope, lead us in the light of Christ.

Leader:

For the prayers we carry silently in our hearts—

(short silence)

People:

God who knows us fully, hear our prayers.

Leader:

We offer all these prayers
in the name of Jesus Christ,
your beloved Son,
whom you have called us to listen to.

All:

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.

OFFERING & OFFERTORY PRAYER:

(we acknowledge offerings made by automatic payment and online banking)

Leader:

God of light and glory,
all that we have comes from you.

People:

We offer these gifts in gratitude and trust.

Leader:

As you revealed your Son on the mountain,
reveal your love through what we give.

People:

Use our offerings to bring light where there is darkness.

Leader:

Bless these gifts and our lives,
that we may listen to Christ and follow him.

All:

**We offer ourselves and all we have
to your service and your glory.
Amen.**

HYMN: Guide me O thou great Jehovah (H&P 437)

1. Guide me O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land,
I am weak but thou art mighty
Hold me with thy powerful hand
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.
2. Open thou the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream shall flow
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through
Strong Deliverer.
Be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside,
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL:

May the God who spoke from the cloud
clear your hearts and minds.

May Christ, the beloved Son,
walk with you when the way is uncertain
and give you courage when the path leads downward into the world.

As you go from this place,
listen for his voice amid the noise,
trust his presence when clarity feels distant,
and follow him in love and faith.

And the blessing of God —
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit —
be with you and remain with you always.

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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**All are invited to morning tea & fellowship in the New Hall after the
Service**

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