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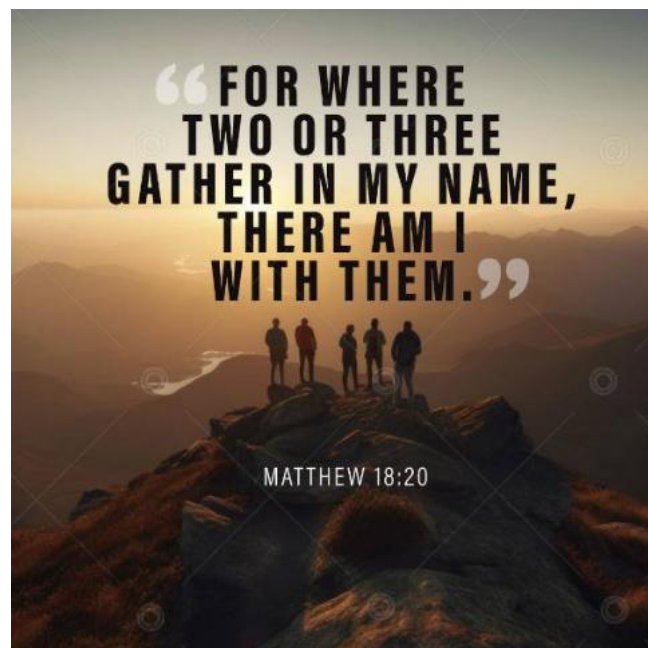
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**COMBINED SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
PENTECOST 15**

Sunday 6 September 2026

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

Celebrating our Parish Young People



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.**

**PARISH COMBINED SERVICE
CELEBRATING OUR PARISH YOUNG PEOPLE
SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2026
PENTECOST 15**

LEADER: Parish Young People's Ministry

ORGANIST: Vivien Chiu

PREACHER: Reverend Joeli Ducivaki

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Parish Young People's Ministry

WELCOME & SAFETY BRIEFING

Fatai Tupou & Takaetali Finau

INTRODUCTION

Rev Joeli Ducivaki

CALL TO WORSHIP

Edna Te'o

Come, people of God, for the Lord has gathered us from many places into one family.

We come to worship the God whose steadfast love endures forever.

Come with your joys and come with your burdens.

We bring all that we are into the presence of Christ.

Come, for God has called us out of darkness into His marvellous light.

We come to walk in the light of Christ.

Come, for Christ invites us to love one another as He has loved us.

We come to learn again the way of grace, forgiveness, and peace.

Let us worship the Lord.

Glory be to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lighting the Candle

Faith Savutini

Candles brought forward by Parish young people

We light this candle

for Christ, the light that wakes us.

For love that refuses harm,

for courage that seeks reconciliation,

**For grace present in every honest gathering,
and for peace made visible through us. Amen.**

INTROIT

Parish Young People's Ministry

OPENING PRAYER

Hugh Laurenson

Loving and Gracious God,

We thank You for gathering us today.

From an infant, young and old, we are your people and you are our God.

You have called us by name and welcomed us into Your family through Jesus Christ.

Fill this place with Your Holy Spirit.

Open our ears to hear Your Word, our minds to understand Your truth, and our hearts to receive Your transforming grace.

Where there is hurt, bring healing.

Where there is division, bring reconciliation.

Where there is weakness, bring strength.

Where there is doubt, renew our faith.

Clothe us with the character of Christ, that we may love as He loved, serve as He served, and follow wherever He leads. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN (H&P 437) 'Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah'

1. English

Guide me oh thou Great Jehovah
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

2. Tongan

Ifi ai 'a e talupite
Fai 'a e vakavakao,
Puna hotau laumalie,
O mo e kau angelo,
Hu ai leva
Ki he potu malolo.

3. Samoan

A mavae lenei olaga,
Pe a goto lona la,
la molia matou uma
I lou maota, le Tama;
Ona olioli lea
I le tofi i luga.

4. Fijian

Lomalagi mai veivuke
Agilosu kecega,
Siga, vula, kalokalo
Cuva sobu ki vua
Ko Jiova,
Me rokovi tikoga.

William Williams (1717-91)

PREPARATION

Tinei Alefosio

We have come together in this place, to listen for a fresh word in our lives, to gather as one community around the table, to carry peace into the world.

The first commandment is: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord; love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind.

Jesus reminded us by saying with all your strength. The second commandment is: Love your neighbour as yourself. Jesus also said: I give you a new commandment: Love one another; as I have loved you, so you are to love one another.

Silence

Hugh Laurenson

It is our intention to keep this commandment. It has not always been easy. At times we have faltered and stumbled; We acknowledge all we have failed to be and do as members of Christ's body.

Silence

In declaring our failures, and looking towards new ways of being, forgiveness is to be found. Where we have failed to support one another, when we have not been what we claim to be, may we be forgiven. When we have turned away from a life in Christ, where our thoughts and actions have harmed others.

May we be forgiven. Newness of life is there for all who seek forgiveness and are themselves forgiving. Be at peace. Rejoice and be glad, For Christ is resurrection, Reconciliation for all the human race. We shall all be one in Christ, One in our life together. Amen

10AM SINGING GROUP

BIBLE READING

Romans 13 : 8 – 14 Love Fulfils the Law

Setoki Butukoro

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.

The Day Is Near

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.

¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh, where we fail, mercy begins again. **Amen.**

Matthew 18:15-20

Dealing with Sin in the Church

Marina Holmes

¹⁵ “If your brother or sister^[a] sins, ^[b] go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’^[c] ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸ “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be^[d] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be^[e] loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

HYMN ‘The Lord’s My Shepherd’

1. English

The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not
want.
He makes me down to lie;
In pastures green, he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

4. Fijian

E dina e na muri au
Loloma na sautu
Meu tikoga kei kemuni
Tawa mudu tu

2. Tongan

‘E ‘ikai te u masiva au,
Pe tukuhausia;
He ko e ‘Eiki Aoniu,
Ke hoku tauhi ia.

5. English

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me:
And in God’s house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

Scottish Psalter, 1650

3. Samoan

Iesu! o le suafa lea
Ua sili ese ia
I suafa uma lava;
Ua matua paia.

INTRODUCING THE THEME

Rev. Joeli Ducivaki

CHILDREN’S TIME – FATHER’S DAY SONG Parish Young People’s Ministry

ITEM: ACTION SONG

Parish Young People’s Ministry

SERMON

Rev. Joeli Ducivaki

Gathering in Christ's Name “Rescued for a Reason, Living in God’s
Victory”

ANTHEM

Parish Young People’s Ministry

COMMUNITY TIME

William Bower

- Notices
- Sharing the Peace

Let’s greet each other saying: “God’s peace be with you.”

Uiese Holmes:

We pray now for ourselves and others,
For the peoples of the world, divided by violence, fear, and suspicion.
Where neighbours become enemies and strangers are treated as threats.
May love become more than a word, and peace more than a dream.

Christ among us, teach us the way of love.

Vaifoa Alefosio:

For Aotearoa and all who lead in public life,
for decisions shaped by justice, honesty, and care for the common good.
May those with power remember the dignity of every neighbour.

Christ among us, teach us the way of love.

Ana Kamoto

For our church in every place and tradition,
Where conflict wounds and pride divides.
May we seek truth without cruelty, and reconciliation without shame.

Christ among us, teach us the way of love.

Mosese Valu

For our local communities, our homes, workplaces, schools, and streets,
where loneliness hides and resentment quietly grows.
May we practise kindness, listen deeply, and protect one another's dignity.

Christ among us, teach us the way of love.

Isoa Revell

For those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit,
for the sick, the grieving, the anxious, and those carrying pain unseen,
May your light surround them, and may our care become part of their healing.

Christ among us, teach us the way of love.

MJ Savutini

For those who have gone before us in faith and love,
whose lives still speak through memory, courage, and grace,
may we walk on in hope until all things are gathered in your peace.

Christ among us, teach us the way of love. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Said together led by MJ)

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

OFFERING

Hugh Laurenson

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

Love is not only spoken; it's practised in generosity, justice, and care.

Let's offer our gifts as signs of the life we are called to share.

Your free will offering will now be received.

BLESSING OF OFFERING (said together, Ministry Team will bless offering)

Generous God, receive these gifts and the lives they represent.

**Use them to mend what is broken, strengthen what is fragile,
and bless what is growing.**

May our giving become love in action, humble, faithful, and just.

Clothe us in Christ, and send us to serve. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Remain standing please- said together)

Pulupaki Pouvalu

"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and buried; the third day He rose from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen."**

God be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts and rejoice.

We lift them up to God.

Let us, with all our hearts, give thanks.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Living God, we offer you our prayers of thanksgiving.

Above all, on this first month of Spring Season we offer our thanks
for reality and promise of resurrection.

Your beloved son has risen from the grave
and the tomb of our world is opened wide.

Jesus was raised in power and was revealed first to women.

They had come to offer him the rituals of the dead,

He showed them a life beyond all dying.

Therefore, with the women who found an empty tomb
with the men and women who later saw the risen Lord,
and with people in every place and generation,
who have lived out the truth of Resurrection
we say;

**Holy, holy, holy, Resurrection God,
heaven and earth are full of your glory:
hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God;
hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed be the Son of God, Jesus,
who walks with us the road of our sorrow,
and is known again in the breaking of bread;

who, on the night he was handed over,
took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
"This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying:
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this whenever you drink it, and when you do,
remember me."

**Let us proclaim the mystery at the heart of our faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Come now, disturbing Spirit of God,
breathe on these bodily things and make us one body in Christ.
Open our graves, remove what binds us and name us here,
touch and heal all that has been buried in us,
**that we need not cling to our pain, but may go forth with power
to release resurrection into the world. Amen**

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

This bread we break, this cup we share,
every grace in our lives is a gift
and promise of resurrection.

AN INVITATION TO THE TABLE

(Piano accompanist; Moala Katoa will play during Communion)

Come to this table where the living Christ
offers us bread broken for our journey
and wine poured out for our tears.
Share together in this meal where loss finds comfort in promise
and despair is transformed into hope,
whoever you are, whatever you bring.
Come, the Table of the Lord is now ready. Come as you are!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

**We give thanks that we have gathered in this sacred place and been refreshed at this
table. We rejoice in the giftedness of each person here.
We are grateful for who we are for each other.
May we go forth into the world in courage and peace.
Amen**

HYMN (H&P 267) 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling'

1. English

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

2. *Fijian*

Sa dau yaco mai na gauna
Kivei keda kecega,
Me da digitaka kina
Na vinaka se na ca:
Me da vakatudaliga
Ki na kaci i Jisu,
Se muria ga na meca
Era cati Koya tu.

3. *Tongan*

Ofaange ke lilingi
Ki he fakataha ni
‘A e kelesi Hotau ‘Eiki
Hono ivi ngaue mai!
Ka tau hao mei he kovi,
Ka tau laka pe ki mu’a
‘O tau tupu ai ke ofi
Ki he anga he ‘Otua.

4. *Samoan*

Le Alii e, silasila
Ia i matou uma nei
O tagata agasala
Ma ua matua sese
A ia e sisila lava
I le maliu o Iesu
Le na matua saunia
O le olataga fou.

5. *English*

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

BENEDICTION / SENDING FORTH

Tinei Alefosio

Go now, clothed in the light of Christ.
Go to love your neighbour, not in theory, but in daily life.
Go with courage for honest words and tender reconciliation.
Go knowing that where two or three gather in Christ’s name, Christ is there.
And may the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
go with you in justice, mercy, and peace.

EXTINGUISH CANDLES

Social Committee Reps

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 Tanapu. Amine.