

Opoho Presbyterian Church

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14 November 2021 – Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome!

*Whoever you are, you are welcome here at Opoho Church.
Whether you come often, haven't been for a while or you're new,
we are glad you are here today. We are all one in God.*

*Everyone here is seeking to know God better,
and we're glad you have joined us on this vital quest.*

BLESSED ARE THE

peacemakers:

FOR THEY SHALL

BE CALLED THE

children of God.

Matthew 5:9



Offerings of money for the work of this parish, money for the Dunedin Night Shelter, and goods for Presbyterian Support's Food Bank, may be left in the offering bag, dish, or basket (as appropriate) on the trolley near the door, either before or after the service.

*Please consult the worship leader
before taking photographs or other recordings during a service,
in accordance with the church media policy displayed in the Morrison Lounge.*

Welcome

Call to Worship *selected verses from Psalm 90*

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn us back to dust,

and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.'

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,

like grass that is renewed in the morning;

in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;

in the evening it fades and withers.

You have set our iniquities before you,

our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

So teach us to count our days

that we may gain a wise heart.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let your work be manifest to your servants,

and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,

and prosper for us the work of our hands.

Please stand as the Bible is carried in and for the first hymn.

Hymn WOV 46 Our God, our help in ages past (based on Psalm 90)

Prayer of Confession: *The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation,*
written in 1958 and prayed at Coventry Cathedral each weekday at noon.

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. (*Romans 3:23*)

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race,
class from class,

Father, forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations
to possess what is not their own,

Father, forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands
and lays waste the earth,

Father, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

Father, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned,
the homeless, the refugee,

Father, forgive.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women, and children,

Father, forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,

Father, forgive.

We keep a time of silence.

Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgave you. (*Ephesians 4:32*)

Assurance of Pardon

Merciful God, you forgive us, heal us, and renew us,
and in Christ we are forgiven, we are set free.

Thanks be to God.

The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

we exchange a sign of peace with each other

Community Time – welcome, notices, anniversaries

Birthday greetings today.

May God bless you we pray.

Live for Jesus dear [name *or* friends],

May he guide you always.

Chat Time

Youth Hymn *please remain standing at the end for the Offertory Prayer*
words and music © Colin Gibson HIOS 63

How much am I worth? What value's in me?
Do I count if I stand or I fall?
If I'm weak or I'm strong, if I win or I lose,
am I someone or no-one at all?

*I am worth everything, everything, everything,
I am worth everything in the eyes of God.
You are worth everything, everything, everything.
We are worth everything in the eyes of God.*

I am that child who felt lost and afraid
when she saw just how far she had roamed;
but they scoured the hills till they found her again,
and, rejoicing they brought her safe home.

I am worth everything ...

How much am I worth? Do I matter at all?
When I'm thinking it through may I see
that I'm worth all the love of the Son of God,
who laid down his life just for me.

I am worth everything ...

Offertory Prayer *we say together*

**Loving God, we present our offerings of money and goods
to be used in your service in this place and beyond.**

**Grant that they may be used wisely
for the advancement of your kingdom.**

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Bible Readings

First Reading Micah 4:1-5

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:1-12

Reader: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People: **Praise to Christ the Word.**

Reflection

Hymn words Ally Barrett, tune *Love Unknown* WOV 257(i)

1 Hope for the world's despair:
we feel the nations' pain;
can anything repair
this broken earth again?
For this we pray:
in every place
a spark of grace
to light the way.

2 Wisdom for all who bear
the future in their hand,
entrusted with the care
of this and every land.
When comes the hour,
O Lord, we pray,
inspire the way
we spend our power.

3 Honour for all who've paid
war's painful, bitter price,
when duty called they made
the greatest sacrifice.
Their memory
will never cease
to cry for peace
and harmony.

4 Ease for the troubled mind
in endless conflict caught,
each soul that cannot find
the peace beyond all thought.
May they be blessed
with healing balm
for inner calm
and perfect rest.

5 Love for the human heart:
when hate grows from our fears
and inwardly we start
to turn our ploughs to spears.
Help us to sow
love's precious seed
in word and deed,
that peace may grow.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

....we say together

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth, as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and
forever. Amen.**

Hymn

words © Frederik Herman Kaan, tune *The Supreme Sacrifice* by Charles Harris

God, as with silent hearts we bring to mind
how hate and war diminish humankind,
we pause, and seek in worship to increase
our knowledge of the things that make for peace.

Hallow our will as humbly we recall
the lives of those who gave and give their all.
We thank you, God, for women, children, men
who seek to serve in love, today as then.

Give us deep faith to comfort those who mourn,
high hope to share with all the newly born,
strong love in our pursuit of human worth:
'lest we forget' the future of this earth.

So, God of Peace, disarm our trust in power,
teach us to coax the plant of peace to flower.
May we, impassioned by your living Word,
remember forward to a world restored.

Commissioning

We leave here to go out in the world to share the love and peace of God.
We go in the name of Christ.

Benediction *said together*

May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and always. [Sung] Amen



Today's service was brought to you by

Leading the Service: Gregor Macaulay **Chat Time:** Abby Smith

Door Duty: Jane Bloore and Marian Weaver **Music:** Gaynor Haig

Readings: Sanel Tomlinson **Prayers:** John Roxborough **Flowers:** Judy Rodda

Morning Tea (*subject to Covid levels*): Meegan and Pam Cloughley

Church Cleaning: Judy Rodda and Kirk Hamilton

Hall Cleaning: Meegan Cloughley

Opportunities for ministry week ending 21 November

Door Duty: Michael Ovens and Benjamin Thew **Music:** Guitarists and singers

Data Projector: Sanel Tomlinson **Readings:** Jane Bloore

Prayers: Abby Smith **Flowers:** Judy Rodda

Morning Tea (*subject to Covid levels*): Bronwen Strang and Christine Cleugh

Church Cleaning: Judy Rodda and Kirk Hamilton

Hall Cleaning: Meegan Cloughley

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Keeping in Touch

If you would like to be emailed about church news and coming events, please give your email address to the Parish Clerk, Philip Somerville, or email him at psomer39@gmail.com

Any changes or additions to events listed in the *Opoho Signal* will be posted as they are known on the website at <http://opohochurch.org/events-and-activities/>

Diary of Coming Events

Physical gatherings may be subject to Covid alert level restrictions.

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| 18 November ~ Thursday | 7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge |
| 20 November ~ Saturday | Material due for December-January <i>Opoho Signal</i> 9 a.m.-12 noon: Working bee in garden |
| 21 November ~ Sunday | 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind |
| 28 November ~ Sunday | 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind 4 p.m.: Children's Christmas service |
| 4 December ~ Saturday | 10.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.: Christmas Craft Fair, Church Hall |
| 5 December ~ Sunday | 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.: Christmas Craft Fair, Church Hall |
| 7 December ~ Tuesday | 7-8 p.m.: Poems Prayers Psalms Prose – a friendly writing group, venue TBA or via Zoom |
| 8 December ~ Wednesday | 7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge |
| 9 December ~ Thursday | 2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge |
| 12 December ~ Sunday | 10 a.m.: Worship, Gregor Macaulay |
| 16 December ~ Thursday | 7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge |
| 19 December ~ Sunday | 10 a.m.: Worship, Nine Lessons and Carols, the Rev. Clare Lind |
| 24 December ~ Friday | 11.30 p.m.: Christmas Eve service, the Rev. Clare Lind |
| 25 December ~ Saturday | 10 a.m.: Christmas Day service, the Rev. Clare Lind |
| 26 December ~ Sunday | 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind |