

Opoho Presbyterian Church

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13 September 2020 – Fifteenth 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.*



Matthew 18:21-35

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.*

Please take care – the heating pipes under the pews are very hot and can burn.

Welcome

Call to Worship

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God.

Let us remember God's marvellous works.

Surely God has saved us in difficult times.

How can we forget God's guiding hand?

When evil surrounds us and we have been wronged,
God helps us turn the evil to good.

We need not be afraid whatever happens.

We are in God's care wherever we go.

Sing the praises of God, our strength.

Know that God is majestic and holy.

How great is God's mercy for all who worship!

We sense among us God's kindness and patience.

Hymn *please stand as the Bible is carried in and for the first hymn*

WOV 478 Guide me O thou great Jehovah

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

...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.

WOV 59 We plough the fields and scatter

Offertory Prayer

Bible Readings

First Reading Exodus 14: 10-31

Reader: This is the Word of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading Matthew 18: 21-35

Reader: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

People: **Praise to Christ the Word**

Sermon *followed by time for reflection*

Hymn words and music © John Weir AA 152

*When the storm winds blow,
When darkness falls,
I hide you in the shelter of my hand.*

Dry lands flower and sing for joy,
waste lands seed and bloom,
brilliant flowers proclaim the Lord,
the splendour of our God.

When the storm winds blow...

God who comes to save his own
gives sight to the blind,
thrills the deaf with wondrous sound,
tongues the dumb with joy.

When the storm winds blow...

Shouting praise, they travel home,
faces bright with joy,
free from danger, grief and harm,
pilgrims of the dawn.

When the storm winds blow...

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.

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Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

We who endanger,
who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster
clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

God of all living,
God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,
Christ re-connect us,
using us gently and making us one.

Commissioning

....Let us go in peace.

We go in the name of Christ.

Benediction and Sung Amen

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Leading the Service: The Rev. Russell Thew

Door Duty: Shona and Philip Somerville **Music:** Mark Bevin

Readings: Jenny Bunce **Prayers:** Andrew Smith

Flowers: Judy Rodda

Church Cleaning: Judy Rodda and Kirk Hamilton

Hall Cleaning: Meegan Cloughley

Opportunities for Ministry Week Ending 20 September

Door Duty: Benjamin Thew and Jane Bloore **Music:** Gaynor Haig

Readings: Abby Smith **Prayers:** John Roxborough

Flowers: Judy Rodda

Morning Tea: Judy Rodda and Kirk Hamilton

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Hall Cleaning: Meegan Cloughley

Acting Parish Clerk: Philip Somerville 473 8862

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Keeping in Touch

Parish directories with contact details of parishioners are available on the back pew. Please take one if you need it. If you would like to be emailed about church news and coming events, please give your email address to the Acting 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

17 September ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
19 September ~ Saturday	9 a.m.: Working Bee, church grounds (see below)
20 September ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Olivia Dawson
20-27 September	Sustainability Week at Opoho (see opposite)
22 September ~ Tuesday	7.30 p.m.: Christian Development Committee, Morrison Lounge
27 September ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Jordan Redding 7 p.m.: General election candidates' meeting (changed from 13 September)
4 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship with Holy Communion, the Rev. Graeme Munro
8 October ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Bible Book of the Month: <i>Titus</i> , 129 Signal Hill Road
11 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Paul Ranby 2 p.m.: Dunedin Interfaith monthly meeting, Morrison Lounge, theme for reflection <i>World Peace</i>
11-18 October	Week of Prayer for World Peace
15 October ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
18 October ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Ed Masters followed by Annual Meeting



WORKING BEE

Saturday 19 September from 9 a.m., church grounds

Bring gardening tools and gloves.

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It's a difficult world full of complex issues, but we can still

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Sustainability Week at Opoho

20-27 September 2020

Evening talks followed by a chat and a cup of tea 7.00 – 8.30 p.m. in the church		
Sunday 20 September	Kei hea ngā kākā, where are the kākā?	Scott Forrest & Taylor Davies-Colley
	Planting for native birds	Kate Caldwell
Monday 21 September	Predators in our midst: detection, biodiversity impacts, control	Yolanda van Heezik
	Cohousing: changing the way we live	Catherine Spencer
Wednesday 23 September	Electric vehicles: good for people, the planet and your purse?	Henrik Moller
	No PhD needed – how to become a Citizen Scientist!	Sally Carson
Friday 25 September	Freshwater microplastic pollution in New Zealand	Aidan Mora-Teddy
	Our city, our climate, our choice	Scott Willis
Sustainability Circus! 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Hall		
Saturday 26 September	Displays and demonstrations from local groups and organisations that are working to make a difference	
Services celebrating the wonder of the natural world 10 a.m. in the church		
Sunday 20 September	Wilderness Sunday service	The Rev. Olivia Dawson
Sunday 27 September	River Sunday service	The Rev. Jordan Redding



Join us as we explore ways we can make a difference

Come one, come all!

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Sunday 27 September 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Opoho Church

Labour, National, Greens, NZ First, Act, TOP

Dunedin electorate candidates

seek your votes and answer questions

Moderated by Philip Somerville, as usual, in his Dr Seuss hat



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