

"The Stone Church on the Hill"

## **Mission Statement**

To worship God, follow Christ, transforming the world in the power of the Spirit

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## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022 Pentecost 9

Preacher: David Coster

A very warm welcome to you all, whether this is your first time or thousandth time in church. You are welcome whatever your age, gender, marital status, disability, poverty or wealth, race or sexuality. You are welcome whether you have a deep and mature faith in Christ; are uncertain and still seeking; or have no faith. If you are new to church, please do not hesitate to ask one of those on duty if you have any questions.

You are invited to stay for morning tea after the service.

At the present time, we ask you to please continue to wear a mask during worship.

# Order of Worship

Congregational responses are in bold italics Please stand as the Bible is processed in

Fellowship Candle (Karen Glithero)

Call to worship Let us come family of God, let us come people of every age And worship God.

We sing 85: To God be the glory

### Greeting

May the grace and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, with all whom you love, and all whom you pray for here this day.

And may the grace and peace of our Lord be with you also.

### Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Faithful God, we your people come before you, asking you to strengthen our spirits.

# May we have the courage to trust your love for us now and into the future

God of our present, past and future may we find the realm of your love growing piece by piece, word by word, and act by act.

## Help us to be patient and forgiving we pray.

When we react with hurt and anger, help us to live day by day and prayer by prayer.

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#### Words of Assurance

Like an kauri, faith grows slowly. As roots stretch down so faith grounds itself in living. As branches and leaves provide life, so our faith produces the fruit of love and justice.

# Through God's forgiveness may we continue to grow in faith secure in the love of God. Amen

## Notices

#### We pass the peace of Christ to each other.

#### Time with the children

We sing: Lord, make us servants of your peace

(CH4 527 Tune: O waly, waly)

- Lord, make us servants of your peace: Where there is hate, may we sow love; Where there is hurt, may we forgive; Where there is strife, may we make one.
- Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; Where all is gloom, may we sow hope; Where all is night, may we sow light; Where all is tears, may we sow joy.

- Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek To be consoled, but to console, Nor look to understanding hearts, But look for hearts to understand.
- May we not look for love's return, But seek to love unselfishly, For in our giving we receive, And in forgiving are forgiven.
- Dying, we live, and are reborn Through death's dark night to endless day; Lord, make us servants of your peace, To wake at last in heaven's light.

#### Introduction to the Reading (Reader: Rosemary Troughton)

**Isaiah 1:1 & 10-20** (p.666 OT): The prophet Isaiah, who is probably best known to us for his beautiful prophecies of the coming of the suffering servant, is introduced to us here in a much darker vein. The theme of these opening verses is of punishment for the wayward ways of God's people.

**Luke 12: 32-40** (p.97 NT): The recurring theme in all of our Scripture readings for today is that we are called to be faithful and out of our faith to do what is right.

Sermon: I see, I wonder, I understand!

We sing: God gives us a future Tune: TiS 687

- God gives us a future daring us to go, into dreams and dangers on a path unknown. We will face tomorrow in the Spirits power, we will let God change us, for new life starts now.
- We must leave behind us sins of yesterday, for God's new beginning is a better way.
   Fear and doubt and habit must not hold us back; God gives hope, and insight, and the strength we lack.
- Holy Spirit, teach us how to read the signs, how to meet the challenge of our troubled times. Love us into action, stir us into prayer, till we choose God's life, and find our future there.

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As God gives to us, so let us give to God and to all those who wait for the love of God in so many ways.

#### **Offertory Prayer**

Full of faith,
We will work together for justice.
Full of faith,
We will hope for the future.
Full of faith,
We will live together in peace.
Full of faith,
We will follow Jesus together.
Bless these, our offerings, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord who

taught us to pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours. Now and for ever. Amen.

#### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

**We sing:** Forgive our sins as we forgive

Tune Amazing Grace

- Forgive our sins as we forgive, you taught us, Lord, to pray; but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
- 2. How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart that broods on wrongs, and will not let old bitterness depart?

- In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew: what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!
- Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease; then, reconciled to God, to all, our lives will spread your peace.

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#### **Benediction**

#### **Threefold Amen**

Please remain standing as the Bible is processed out. Thank you for sharing in worship this morning. Please come through to the hall for morning tea.



#### **Cashmere Connection & Annual Reports**

These two publications need to be ready for distribution by 1st September, so please have any articles for the Cashmere Connection and reports for the Annual Report to Gail by **Wednesday 24th August**, so there is plenty of time to collate the material.

## Contemplative prayer days

Throughout the year Barbara Sampson (who has preached here at Cashmere) and a number of other leaders will be holding contemplative prayer days based around the theme "Flourishing in all the Seasons of Life". They will be held on 13 August, 8 October, 26 November, at Hornby Community Ministries, 23 Manurere St. Mark your diaries now if you would like to attend any or all of these days. Contact details: <u>barbara.sampson.nz@gmail.com</u>

#### Reminders:

- Film evening Soldiers Without Guns: 7.15pm, Thursday 18th August, in the Kowhai Lounge
- Please pray for the WCC Assembly, that it may not only strengthen bonds between denominations and individual Christians but that discussions held at the Assembly will result in positive change in the world. Pray, too, for Hamish and Anne Galloway as they travel in Europe and the UK.



Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August

9.00am Craft Group in Kowhai Lounge
11.00am Forum in Rata Lounge
7.00pm Finance Committee
10.00am Pre-school Music
10.00am Family Service

Church Rosters	This week: 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Next week: 14 <sup>th</sup> August
Door Duty	Kathleen Anderson, Ian Gray,	Cecile Pierce, Cath Dale,
	Tony Waters	Margaret Ford
Morning Tea & Coffee	Margaret Ford, Cecile Pierce	Murray & Patricia Heath
Bible Reading	Rosemary Troughton	Richard Leete
Candle Lighting	Karen Glithero	Ann Jennings
Food Trolley	Jill McAra	Helen Matthews
Money Counting (Monday)	Kathleen Anderson	Bruce McAlister

# Leading Worship over the next few weeks:

14 <sup>th</sup> August	Geoff King	
21 <sup>st</sup> August	David Coster	
28 <sup>th</sup> August	Anne Shave	
4 <sup>th</sup> September	David Coster	

#### Generous Giving

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