

CASHMERE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“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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*Theme: Why me? What have I done?
Based on Job*

Preacher: David Coster



First Meeting of NZ National Council of Women

We welcome all who are able to join with us today for Worship.

We will have Morning Tea today after the Service, and would love for you to join us if you feel comfortable doing so.

However, **Freewill Offerings** should still be placed in the bag next to the name badges as we will not be passing the offering bag around during the service. Or you may wish to donate by direct credit to our bank account (details at end of Bulletin).

Name Badges: at present we ask you not to use your name badges, as it is just something else to be cleaned!

All Hymn words, and the Bible Readings, are printed in the Bulletin – please do not use the books in the pews.

Order of Worship

Please stand as the Bible is processed in.

Lighting the Fellowship Candle

Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

***That it is not we who chose Christ,
but Christ who chose us,***

That we are not here because of our goodness
but because of Christ's grace,

***That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,
but to allow Christ to enlighten us,***

That we have not come to be entertained
but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

Opening Hymn: God who made the earth

1. God, who made the earth,
the air, the sky, the sea,
who gave the light its birth:
cares about me.
2. God, who made the grass,
the flower, the fruit, the tree,
the day and night to pass:
cares about me.
3. God, who made the sun,
the moon, the stars, is He
who, when life's clouds come on,
cares about me.
4. God, who sent His Son
to die on Calvary,
He, if I lean on Him,
he cares for me.

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 Praise and Confession

Holy One, before the wonder and power of your creative love,

we offer our adoration, we welcome the silence.

Time of quiet reflection

Enveloped by your wisdom and held by your grace,
we offer our adoration, we welcome the silence.

Time of quiet reflection

Challenged by your justice and sent by your Spirit,
we offer our adoration, we welcome the silence.

Time of quiet reflection

Prayer of Confession

O God, who loves us as we try to tread your way, the failures in our past lie like rocks on our path, sometimes stopping us moving as we are filled with guilt and remorse.

We confess that we sometimes wish that you would make things much clearer for us. Sometimes we even wish that we did not have so much freedom to choose.

Whether we are young or older, we have made mistakes in our choosing and said things we wish we hadn't; called people names we wish we hadn't; spoken when we wish we had remained silent.

May we forgive and be forgiven, O God.

Words of Assurance

We are God's children, valued and loved by God.

Thanks be to God. Amen

Notices

Passing the Peace: *We turn to others in the congregation and signal a sign of peace!*

Children come to the front

Theme with children: Through the eye of a needle

We sing: With hoot and a toot

1. With a hoot and a toot
on a pipe or a flute
we will praise, we will worship God;
with a hum or a thrum,
with a roll on a drum,
we will make him a joyful noise.

*Bow a cello that is mellow,
sound a trumpet call,
blow a horn and a deep bassoon;
every instrument is playing,
with our voices we are saying
we rejoice, we are glad in God.*

2. With a flat or a sharp,
with a chord on a harp,
we will praise, we will worship God;
with a ping on string,
with a choir that can sing,
we will make him a joyful noise.
3. With the clap of a hand,
or the sound of a band,
we will praise, we will worship God;
with a paper and comb,
on an old trombone,
we will make him a joyful noise.
4. With a peal on a bell,
with a cheer or a yell,
we will praise, we will worship God;
with a bong on a gong,
through the words of this song,
we will make him a joyful noise.

Colin Gibson

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Scripture Reading (*Reader: Annette McAdam*)

Job 23:1-9 & 16-17: *The Book of Job is one of the more interesting books in the Hebrew scriptures, because it is not historical or prophetic, rather it stands with the wisdom material of Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes. The subject of the narrative is as old as the hills and as modern as the Space age. If God is just and good, why does God let innocent people suffer?*

I still rebel and complain against God;
I cannot keep from groaning.
How I wish I knew where to find him,
and knew how to go where he is.
I would state my case before him
and present all the arguments in my favour.
I want to know what he would say
and how he would answer me.

Would God use all his strength against me?
No, he would listen as I spoke.
I am honest; I could reason with God;
he would declare me innocent once and for all.
I have searched in the East, but God is not there;
I have not found him when I searched in the West.
God has been at work in the North and the South,
but still I have not seen him.
Almighty God has destroyed my courage.
It is God, not the dark, that makes me afraid—
even though the darkness has made me blind.

Sermon: Why me? What have I done?

We sing: Jesus loves me

1. Jesus loves me, this I know,
And the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong,
In his love we shall be strong.

*Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.*
2. Jesus loves me, this I know,
As he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee,
Saying, 'Let them come to me.'
3. Jesus loves me still today,
Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live.

Offering: *Our freewill offering to support the mission and Church of Jesus Christ, and donations for the City Mission foodbank, will be dedicated. If it is comfortable for you to do so, please stand to join in the prayer of dedication.*

Dedication of the offering

Thank you, God, for loving us and caring for us! We place before you our gifts, signs of our love for you, your church and each other. Bless them and we who gave them to your glory through Jesus Christ who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer (sung)

Our Father in heaven,
holy 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.
Do not put us to the test,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory
are yours now and for ever.
Amen, amen, amen, amen,
amen, amen, amen, amen.

Prayer for Ourselves and for Others

We sing: Take my life and let it be (tune 502 CH4 - Nottingham)

1. Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.
3. Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
5. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Benediction

Amen, amen, amen (sung)

*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!*



PLANTARAMA

Plantarama is on this coming Saturday - 16th October 2021

Please take some of the advertising bookmarks to distribute and encourage friends and neighbours to come and stock up on their garden necessities! Remind them that a sausage sizzle and cream teas will also be available to purchase.

Speak to Tric Nelson to find out how you can help.

Women's retreat day: Advance notice of this day for women from our congregation to be held on **Saturday 27th November** at the former Greenpark Primary School, near Lincoln. Using a small book called "Encountering God," by Christchurch-based Salvation Army Major Barbara Sampson, we are planning a tranquil day which shall include time for conversation, individual reflection, and a good chunk of quiet time in the early afternoon. If this interests you, please note this date in your diaries now. More details to follow.

The Alpine Presbytery Newsletter is produced weekly, and a copy is on the notice board in the foyer. Speak to Gail if you would like to subscribe to receive it directly.

Church Rosters	This week: 10th October	Next week: 17 October
Door Duty	Ian Gray, James & Philippa Upton	Kathleen Anderson, Barbara White, Annette McAdam
Morning Tea & Coffee	Murray & Patricia Heath	Cath Dale, Janet Aldridge
Bible Reading	Annette McAdam	Jill Fenton
Candle Lighting		Elizabeth Taggart
Food Trolley	Annette McAdam	Elisabeth Cooch
Money Counting (Monday)	Shona Lyford	Anne Shave

Leading Worship over the next few weeks:

17 th October	Hamish Galloway
24 th October	Anne Shave
31 st October	David Coster
7 th November	David Coster



Sign-in. Stop the virus.