



"The Stone Church on the Hill"

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**Mission Statement**

*Cashmere Presbyterian Church will make the life and teachings of Jesus Christ known and will share in God's loving purposes of truth, justice, peace and wholeness for all people and the world.*

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**Pentecost 14**

*Theme: Living Out Our Salvation – Connecting with God*

*Preacher: Rev Hamish Galloway*

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, which will be served in the Lounge after the service.

**Order of Worship**

(Congregational responses are in bold italics)

*Please stand as the Bible is processed in.*

**Lighting the Fellowship Candle** (*Ann Jennings*)

**Welcome to Worship**

**Opening Hymn 115:** Let us sing to the God of Salvation

**Prayers of Praise and Confession**

**Notices**

**Passing the Peace**

*We offer each other the 'right hand of fellowship' as a sign that all are welcome and accepted by God.*

## **Bible Readings** (Reader: Helen Matthews)

We continue with the lectionary readings from Exodus:

Exodus 12: 1-14 (p.69 OT)

Today's gospel reading picks up on the 'I Am' theme from last week:

John 8:48-58 (p.130 NT)

*Children come to the front*

### **All-age time including the song 'My God is So Big'**

My God is so big,  
so strong and so mighty,  
There's nothing that he cannot do.

My God is so big,  
so strong and so mighty,  
There's nothing that he cannot do.

The rivers are his,  
the mountains are his,  
The stars are his handiwork too.

My God is so big,  
so strong and so mighty,  
There's nothing that he cannot do.

**Hymn 185:** Jesus the Lord

**Sermon:** I Am ... Father God

**Hymn 191:** Christ is the world's light

**Communion** (*Liturgy comes from First Congregational Church of Malone, New York*)

Let us gather around the table with the offering of bread and drink upon it and the promise of the Living Christ among us. This is the welcome table of God where all who seek to be at peace with their neighbour and all who seek the mercy of God in Christ are embraced. Come, for we are invited in to this holy mystery. Come.

***We are ready!***

Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty.

***We are hungry and thirsty. O Lamb of God, we come!***

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took his authority as the Christ and offered the bread in thanksgiving and said . . .

***"Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."***

In the same way, and by the same authority, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said,

***"Take, drink. This is my blood of the new covenant which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."***

Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Open our eyes to the mystery of Christ's presence in these ordinary things in these our ordinary lives. May they be for us the very essence of the living Christ in our midst. Through the broken bread . . .

***We participate in the Body of Christ.***

Through the cup of blessing . . .

***We participate in the new life Christ gives.***

**A time of silent reflection followed by The Lord's Prayer (sung WOV 676)**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving following communion:**

Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the body of Christ, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Thank you for feeding our hunger and relieving our thirst. Now send us into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to find the lost and lonely, to heal broken souls, to free prisoners, and make the powerful care. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do your good news in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

**Offering**

Offertory will be a duet by Lynley Clarke and David Troughton

*Our freewill offering to support the mission and Church of Jesus Christ will be received. 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. Donations for the Food Bank are placed in a supermarket trolley.*

**Dedication** of the offering (*please stand*)

**Prayers for others**

**Hymn:** From this Holy Time

From this ho - ly time, from this sa - cred space, we go now to  
serve our own day and place, com - mit - ted to fol - low the  
way Je - sus trod: do just - ly, love mer - cy, walk hum - bly with God.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

1. From this holy time, from this sacred space,  
we go now to serve our own day and place,  
committed to follow the way Jesus trod:  
do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with God.

2. He lives in our midst, though gone from our sight,  
baptised in his name, we walk in his light;  
we treasure his presence, example and word:  
do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with God.
  
3. Let this be our life, till Christ comes again -  
to love as he loves and work for God's reign,  
this song in our hearts and this sign on our road:  
do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with God.

Marnie Barrell

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## **Blessing**

***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.*

## **Music for Worship: Holy Communion, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

### Prelude:

*Fantasia and Fugue, K.394. W. A. Mozart.*

I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the House of the Lord.'

The heavens declare the glory of God.

An exuberant fantasia that could be describing Canterbury, with its waterfalls and braided rivers, lofty peaks mirrored in tranquil tarns, clouds scurrying across the sky, moments of joy. At one point, it seems as though the left hand is tossing chords into pools of silence, only to hear them ripple out in the right hand.

We skip; we pause in awe, in silence.

Then, rarang-like, there comes a weaving together of the different samenesses of the theme of the fugue, concluding with a dramatic, "We praise you of Lord!"

*Prayer in G major, Op.64, No 1. Ch-V. Alkan (1813-188)* A French-Jewish virtuoso pianist.

### Processional:

*Here I am to worship. Tim Hughes.*

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,  
opened my eyes, let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you.

Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down,

here I am to say that you're my God,

And you're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.

### Offertory:

*Aria Cantabile, Samuel Wesley (1766-1837), arr Howard Helvey.* The English Mozart, son of the famous hymn-writer, Charles and Sarah Wesley; father of another composer, Samuel Sebastian. (Performed by Lynley Clarke and David Troughton)

### Communion:

*Open the Eyes of My Heart. Paul Baloche, arr Carol Tournquist.*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart,  
I want to see You(x2)  
To see You high and lifted up, Shinin' in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy.

### Postlude:

*Grosser Gott. Toccata. Arr. Matthew H. Corl (b.1965).* Graduated in church music from Princeton; organist Lakeland, Florida.

Holy God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow before thee.  
All on earth thy power proclaim, all in heaven above adore thee;  
Boundless is they vast domain, everlasting is they reign.



### ***Plantarama – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October***

Time is marching on, with only 6 weeks to go until this fundraising event. There is a clip board going around today, and we ask you to note on this what plants you are, or have been, potting up for sale. Any questions, speak to Tric Nelson.

### ***Fabric & Craft De-stash***

On the same day as Plantarama, we are once again hosting Gail's home parish of Mount Herbert Anglican in the Kowhai Lounge for their fundraiser. This year it is a Fabric & Craft De-stash sale. If you have fabric, notions, yarn, threads, patterns, or other craft items surplus to requirements that you are able to donate, please leave them for Gail at the office.

And, of course, feel free to come along on the day to stock up on replacement items!

### ***Pastoral Care & Hospital Visiting***

As we do not always hear when someone is sick or has gone into hospital, we may miss out on visiting them, so please tell Hamish, or Gail in the office, if you know of anyone in this situation.

**The Alpine Presbytery Gathering** is to be held at The Village, Bryndwr, 11th & 12th September. Register here: <https://forms.gle/5wfRGs8Sa3sCY6dB6>, or through the Events page of the Presbytery website: [alpinepresbytery.org](http://alpinepresbytery.org)

The Gathering is a chance for us to meet people from around our Presbytery and experience key learning and connecting time together. All ordained ministers and Presbytery Elders are encouraged to attend, but everyone is welcome!

### **Bread is Art**

Our kitchen is being hired for a day workshop on 7<sup>th</sup> November, with two preparatory sessions ahead of that date at the baker's home to make the sourdough starter.

Flyers are available in the foyer and on the notice board, or ask Gail to send one to you.



**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.

<b>Church Rosters</b>	<b>This week – 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Next week – 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<b>Door Duty</b>	Jill McAra, David & Jane Kim	Elisabeth Cooch, Warren & Andrea Campbell
<b>Morning Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	Janet Aldridge, Kathleen Anderson	Cecile Pierce &
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Helen Matthews	Janice Lee
<b>Candle Lighting</b>	Ann Jennings	Annette McAdam
<b>Food Trolley</b>	Ian Shaw	Shona Lyford
<b>Money Counting (Monday)</b>	Rouie Swan	Janet Aldridge