



Faith Community Gathering
13th January 2019

**Haere Mai, Aere mai, hwan-yeong, Fakaalofa lahi atu,
Afio mai, Ulu tonu mai, Talofa, Welcome**

2nd Sunday to wish you a very very Happy New Year

To all visitors, welcome. It is wonderful to gather with our friends from Zion Hill Methodist again this week the 13th January. A fuller congregation makes for a fuller feel to our time of worship, thanks for being here. Next week we gather for worship at Zion Hill Methodist Church.

Today's Gathering of the faithful

pre-service - Hush Hush somebody's calling

The gong is sounded three times

Processional – Singing: I am the light of the world

Opening Prayer:

Let there be joy in our coming together this day.

Let there be truth heard in the words we speak and the songs we sing.

Let there be help and healing for our disharmony and despair.

Let there be silence for the voice within us and beyond us.

So let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life.

**Haere Mai, Aere mai, hwan-yeong, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Afio mai, Ulu tonu
mai, Talofa, Welcome**

As we settle into this sacred place,
put away the pressures of the world that ask us
to perform,
to take up masks,
to put on brave fronts.

Silence the voices that ask you to be perfect.

This is a community of compassion and welcoming.

**We bring all that we are and all that we yet can be,
to this safe and sacred place.**

Singing: Like the murmur of dove's song

Notices:

Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Young'uns chat:

Singing: Down by the Jordan



Discernment prayer:

Let us take time to stand in awe of this self-evolving universe.

Let us marvel at the living eco-sphere of this planet.

Let us set a supreme value on all forms of life.

Let us develop a lifestyle that preserves the balance of the planetary eco-system.

Let us refrain from all activities that endanger the future of any species.

Let us devote ourselves to maximizing the future of all living creatures.

Let us set the needs of the coming global society before those of ourselves, our tribe, society, or nation.

Let us accept in a self-sacrificing fashion the responsibility now laid upon us all for the future of our species and of all planetary life. (Lloyd Geering/gc).

Affirmation:

Thoughts for the week:

Singing/offering: Loving Spirit, loving Spirit

Our Prayers for others ...

Saying the Lord's Prayer

Loving Presence, luminous in all creation,
hallowed be your name.

Thy kin-dom come.

May we reflect on earth
the yielding perfection of the heavens.

Help us to receive an illumined measure from the earth this day.
Forgive us when we trespass against others,
human and other than human,

as we forgive others who trespass against us.

Keep us on the path of wisdom
when we are tempted to take the selfish path.

May it be your rule we follow,
your power we exercise,
and your radiance that allures.

May this be the truth that guides our lives,
the ground from which our future will grow,
until we meet again. (Bruce Sanguin)

Parting Words

Let us embrace the wonder of this week
with expectation and imagination...

May God the giver of all good things, bless us with

the understanding of friends,

the lessons of experience,

the questionings of seekers,

the wisdom of thinkers, and

the service of helpers, now and always. (*Henry Rack/wob*)

Words of Blessing

The Brotherly grace of Christ,

the Fatherly love of Creativity God,

and the Sisterly encouragement of the Empowering Spirit,
will be with you here and everywhere.

Amen. Blessed be!

Singing: We shall go out with joyful hope of resurrection

Wider Church and Community Notices

- **20th January our Church Service is at Zion Hill Methodist Church**
- **Family picnic – 17th February**
- **January 22nd 7:30pm Parish Council meeting**

**The Mission of this church is to be Christ centred,
Community embracing congregation
Of
Birkenhead. Birkdale. Beach Haven**

Scripture

- God, your voice moves over the waters.
Immerse us in your grace,
mark us with your images,
and raise us to live our baptismal vows
empowered by the Holy Spirit
and the example of Christ our Lord,
in whose name we pray. Amen

Thanks to this week's volunteers

	Jan 13th	Jan 20th	Jan 27th
Welcoming /Duty Elder	Glenys & Greg Skudder	Celebrating at and with Zion Hill Methodist Church	Celebrating at and with Zion Hill Methodist Church
Church Prep.	Duty Elder		
Musicians	Anne		
Prayers	Greg Skudder		
Readings	Glenys Skudder		
Morning Tea	Elizabeth Wong & Karen Davies		
PA			
Preaching	CRG		
Kidz Church	Lisi & Rosemary		
Bible Readings			
13th Jan Isaiah 43:1-7 Luke 3:15-17,21-22	20th Jan Zion Hill Methodist	27th Jan Zion Hill Methodist	

Church email: birkenheadpresbyterian@gamil.com
 WEB Page: www.sasp.church.org.nz
 Office No: 480 5745

Ministry at St Andrew's – The Team

Minister	Rev. Colin Gordon	021 854 066
Council Secretary	Rosemary Bold	483 7240
Church & Hall Bookings	Barbara Wesley	480 9123
Mainly Music enquiries	Pauline Fish	418 1312
Prayer Co-ordinator	Maureen Kearney	449 1216
Bulletin editor	Anne Green	443 4456 / 027 3242 088
Offering Envelopes	Glenys Skudder & Kay Wesley	418 1615
Pastoral Committee	Barbara Wesley	480 9123
Worship Committee	Robyn Bogue	418 0973
Resource Committee	Ian Bogue	027 430 0418
Webmaster	Ian Bogue	027 430 0418

Thematic

God of grace and glory,
you call us with your voice of flame
to be your people, faithful and courageous.
As your beloved Son
embraced his mission in the waters of baptism,
inspire us with the fire of your Spirit
to join in his transforming work.
We ask this in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

