

**Faith Community Gathering
17th March 2019**



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“Ehara taku toa, he takitahi, he toa takitini”
My success should not be bestowed onto me alone!



“All you have to do is write one true sentence. Write the truest sentence that you know.”— Ernest Hemingway

What is the truest sentence that you know?

Gathering Music -

The gong is sounded three times

Processional Singing: All of life is full of wonders (TUNE: Hymn to joy)

Opening Prayer:

As we gather together this morning
may we learn to recognise and affirm
the pieces of possibility we bring.

**May we allow and encourage our individual gifts
to weave a patchwork of inclusiveness:**

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

Women: *the soft deep blue of sensitivity and understanding;*

Men: the red energy of creativity;

Women: *the white heat of convictions;*

Men: the risky, fragile green of new growth;

Women: *the golden flashes of gratitude;*

Men: the warm rose of love.

Together, in our gathered diversity, we form the whole.

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Let us open ourselves to the sacred silence of this place.

(Silence)

Generous God, enfold us in the depths of love and there hold us.

Renew.

Refresh.

Restore us.

Saturate us with unending peace.

(Silence)

Singing: Spirit of the living God

Readings: Matthew 5:38-48 & Luke 13:31-35

Those reading the Scriptures can finish with the following phrase after the Gospel
“Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.”

Young’uns chat:

Prayer with the young’uns

Singing: God is constant pursuing love

Discernment Prayer:

We are part of all that sustains or destroys life.

Creation and destruction occur in continually unfolding ways.

And so may we open our ears to the continually unfolding Word.
Life speaks to us in new and vital and imperative ways.
With all the power we have been given,
let us be silent and open to listening...
for nourishment,
for comfort,
for challenge and new focus.

Message:

Singing/offertory: Praise the source of all creation

Sung Blessing: All that we have

Our Prayers for others :-

Lord's Prayer:-

**Ground of all being, we honour
the many names for our experience of the sacred.
May we build a community
faithful to the dream of heaven on earth.
May there be food for all who hunger this day.
May we be forgiven for the falseness of what we have done
as we forgive those who have been untrue to us.
May we not feel abandoned in hard times
but find strength to meet each moment.
For the light of life, the vitality of being
is within us and beyond us,
now and forever, Amen. (Nancy L Steeve)**

Singing: Renewing Reforming

Notices and celebrations:

Blessing words

The celebration of this gathered community
in this sacred place, is ended.

May the holy mystery of Creativity God be found along the road.
The wonder of the costly love of Jesus the Companion embrace you.
And the Empowering Spirit bless and keep you, always.

Sung blessing: Now unto him

Notices to be noticed:

As I was about to print and send this Bulletin the horror shootings in Christchurch came to air. Muslim, Hebrew and Christians share faith through our ancestor Abraham and so our prayers are for our sisters and brothers in faith. They are also fellow New Zealanders again prayers and peace, as-salamu alaikum, for our Muslim community in Christchurch and around Aotearoa.

how do you spell love?
- piglet



you don't spell it.
you feel it.
- pooh

Fresh Fruits Sunday

– The folk of De Paul House were very, very grateful for the wonderful contributions made following this service.



Snapshots



"Okay, one book. But if I catch you skipping pages, we start over."

Mad March activity Reading is for many of us a great past time and relaxing preoccupation. I miss having children in the home and reading bedtime stories, looks odd just reading one to myself, out loud, with intonation, however 24th March Sunday let us bring to the our Sunday morning service that book you love the lost, that book you read this summer, that book you had most fun reading to children, grandchildren and share these with a short (3min) review. PLUS we are talking with a local school about how we could contribute with books and reading with children, more to come on this. BUT Sunday 24th lets plan to

bring books no longer required, books you think children might love to own and al else no books, save up for a book voucher, purchase one and bring it as an offering to the cause!!

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Thanks to this months volunteers

	3rd Mar	10 th Mar	17 th Mar	24 th Mar
Welcoming /Duty Elder	Karen Davies & Lisi Foulagi	Barabara Laurie & Kay Wesley	Pauline Fish & Keti Faa'ee	Jocelyn Collinge & Gary Pash
Church Prep.	Duty Elder	Duty Elder	Duty Elder	Duty Elder
Musicians	Inae Hong		Matthew Kirman-Martin	Inae Hong
Prayers	Karen Davies	Rosemary Bold	Pauline Fish	Gary Pash
Readings	Lisi Foulagi	Karen Davies	Keti Faa'ee	Jocelyn Collinge
Morning Tea	Lynn Carter & Maureen Kierney	Jocelyn Collinge	Elizabeth Wong & Margaret Larsen	Pauline Fish & Robyn Thorndon
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Preaching	Don Ikitoelagi	Laurie Wesley	CRG	CRG
Kidz Church	Rosemary	Rosemary	Lisi & Rosemary	Lisi & Rosemary
Bible Readings	Exodus 34:29-35 • Psalm 99 • 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 • Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 • Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 • Romans 10:8b-13 • Luke 4:1-13	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 • Psalm 27 • Philippians 3:17-4:1 • Luke 13:31-35 or	Isaiah 55:1-9 • Psalm 63:1-8 • 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 • Luke 13:1-9