



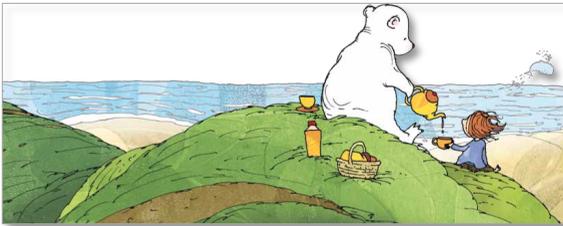
SAINTS A & A Onewa Christian Community



Praise Service @ St Andrews

Sunday 11th July 2021 10am

Sometimes that sense of closeness to God is felt through the sacred kindness of other people—



The gift of presence to another person--of pure, sacred witness to their being, their struggles, and their joys--is a profound gift that we can give and receive. Pastoral presence is the basis of much of the

care --deep listening without responding or reacting.

Practice presence with someone else today. Simply be present to them.

Gathering songs:

Peace is flowing like a river
By the rivers of Babylon

Gathering our thoughts:

Life is an indescribable gift.
Our gathering together in this sacred place
is a celebration of that gift.

Haere Mai, Aere mai, Hwan-Yeong, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Afio mai, Ulu tonu mai, Talofa Lava, Foon Ying, Selamat Datang, Vitajte, Bula, Welkom, Welcome

We give thanks for the life that pulsates within us
breath and heartbeat, joy and sorrow, dance and stillness.

We give thanks for the life that ebbs and flows between us
loving, understanding, creating, embracing and letting go.

We give thanks for the web of life that surrounds and sustains us



feeding, protecting, teaching, inspiring mutual care.

We give thanks for the source of all life,
this living universe, of which our lives are an expression.

Let us light our community candle – the community of God.

We light this candle today in recognition of the energy
 that allows life to occur:
 Energy of the quantum world
 Energy of photosynthesis
 Energy of primitive metabolisms
 Energy of campfires
 And, the energy of our community
 God bless our energy!

We pray:

God of the important and the common place,
 may our hearts be opened to be attentive:
 that seeing, we may perceive,
 and hearing, we may understand,
 and understanding, we may act.
 May it be so.
May we make it so with us.

Readings:

- Psalm 137
- Revelation 21:9 – 14

“Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.”

Singing: Jerusalem the golden

Conversation.

Singing: By the Babylonian Rivers

Prayers for others –

Singing: These hills where the Hawke flies lonely

Notices:

Sung Blessing: May the God of new beginnings

Onewa Christian Community

- Mission
 - **We aspire to be an active and innovative Christian community that provides leadership and builds partnerships in our fast-changing world.**
- Vision
 - We will:**
 - **be innovative in our approach to life and worship**
 - **demonstrate our willingness to share life experiences and spiritual awareness, promoting the teaching and practice of Jesus**
 - **seek out opportunities to promote inclusiveness, interfaith awareness and collaboration, especially through partnerships with local community organisations**
 - **be visible in the community as we live our values**
- Values
 - **Community** – We focus on people, personal connection and treating everyone with respect in practical ways ('manaakitanga').
 - **Diversity and inclusion** - We want to reflect and support the community around us through diversity and inclusion.
 - **Open heart / open mind** - We make space for personal and spiritual growth. We promote real and meaningful connection with others.
 - **A living faith** - Active faith begins at the point where certainty ends. A living faith involves faith in oneself, faith in others, faith in the future and faith in God.

NOTICE OF:

Congregational meeting 25th July 2021. This congregational meeting will be to vote in a new Church Council and appoint office bearers for Onewa Christian Community.