



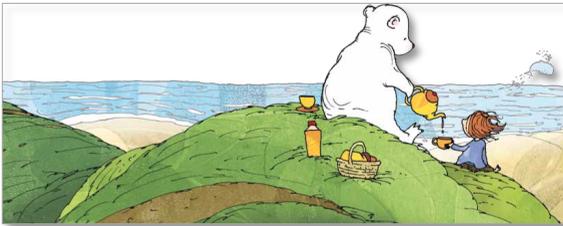
SAINTS A & A Onewa Christian Community



Contemplative Service @ St Aidans

Sunday 25th 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.

Celebrating and opening the community

The inclusive community

Gathering singing:

- Celebrate our makers glory

Community Candle

- Wide, wide as the ocean

Welcome- introduction

Haere mai. Our worship today includes songs, prayers, readings, and silence. Through many voices and many images of God, we left up the teachings of Jesus regarding the welcoming of stranger and the outcast. His open table, a threat to many, is an invitation to us to do likewise. We pray now together that we may learn to follow.

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



Notices

Opening up to a deeper wider community

Sisters and brothers, as we gather here now:

May our hearts be joined in love.

Here in this ordinary crowd

May our hearts be joined in love.

In this ordinary time

May our hearts be joined in love.

We remember those not here

May our hearts be joined in love.

We remember those excluded

May our hearts be joined in love.

We remember Jesus' open invitations

May our hearts be joined in love.

We are meant for community

May our hearts be joined in love.

We are bound for reconciliation

May our hearts be joined in love.

The loving Spirit is among us

May our hearts be joined in love.

- God in whom we dwell and who dwells in us. You draw us to one another in kindness and mutual forgiveness. You fire us with the joy of companionship. Forgive our failures to include outcasts. Lead us now beyond the borders of comfort and convenience to true community, uniting us with those from lands and lives quite distant from our own. We pray for a heart of compassion, that we may look in each face and see fellow human deserving of respect.

Amen

as we sing feel free to come forward and light a candle.

singing: Brother sister let me serve you (2 vrs)

- Whatever God does, the first outburst is always compassion.
 - **Bloom within, bloom within, bloom within, each heart**
- Be compassionate, as your creator is compassionate
 - **Every act of love is a work of peace, no matter how small.**
The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace.
- God is love. We pray for a bon of love tht daily strengthens this community through forgiveness and mutual upbuilding ...

singing: Brother sister let me serve you (2 vrs)

- When I can no longer bear my loneliness, I take it to my friends. For I must share it with all the friends of God. "Do you suffer?" "So do I!"
 - **draw us close, draw us close, draw us close together.**
- Joy was in fact the characteristic result of all Jesus activity amongst the poor and the oppressed.
 - **I m human. Nothing human is alien to me.**
- we pray for a culture of peace and inclusion that reaches across barries to embrace all people ...

Singing: Brother sister let me serve you (2 vrs)

- Air, blowing everywhere, serves all creatures.
 - **drift beyond, drift beyond, drift beyond, all borders.**

You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of God in heaven; for God makes the sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.

There was a man going from Jerusalem ... down to Jericho when he fell into the hands of robbers. they stripped him, beat him up, and left him half dead by the roadside. Now by coincidence a priest was going down that road; when he caught sight of the man, he went out of his way to avoid him. In the same way, when a Levite came to the place, he took one look at the man and crossed the road to avoid him. But this Samaritan who was travelling that way came to where the man was and was moved to pity at the sight of him. He went up to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring olive oil and wine on

them. He hoisted him onto his own animal, brought him to an inn, and looked after him ... Go and do likewise.

I am not into isms and asms. There isn't a Muslim moon and a Christian sun. I know the universal God is universal ... I feel that the same mauri ora that is the mother and father of us all is mother and father of the bike riding gang member.

- **Bloom within, bloom within, bloom within every heart**

Singing/offering: Blessed are the poor among you

Beyond our borders: As we desire inclusive community, we pause to remember now those who are excluded. excluded from power, from privilege, from comfort in our society. Excluded by our actions, and the actions of others. Not made welcome.

Our Prayers for others:

In the Spirit of 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 illumed 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.ⁱ**

Sending out singing; We shall go out with hope and resurrection

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, following our Contemplative Service. This congregational meeting will be to vote in a new Church Council and appoint office bearers for Onewa Christian Community.

ⁱ (Bruce Sanguin/dddc)