



Onewa Christian Community

Praise Service @ St Andrews

Sunday 8th August 2021 10am

Haere mai Rev. Lorraine Francis

Theme: 'Anger to Love'



We follow Christ, and as Faith Practitioners our challenge is to continue to mature into our identity in Christ. A marker of our maturity can be measured by our EQ or IE. Emotional Intelligence (otherwise known as emotional quotient or EQ) is the ability to understand, use, and manage your own emotions in positive ways to relieve stress, communicate effectively, empathize with others, overcome challenges and defuse conflict. A high EQ helps you to build relationships, reduce team stress, defuse conflict and improve job satisfaction. According to Daniel Goleman, an American psychologist who helped to popularize emotional intelligence, there are five key

elements to it: Self-awareness: Self-regulation: Motivation: Empathy and Social skills.

Gathering songs:

- Let there be loved shared among us
- Spirit of the living God

Gathering thoughts:

Followers of Christ, Christian Faith Practitioners, people of God, Paul's challenge to us this morning is to walk in the way of love as Christ did, and to grow our identity in Christ, by examining our behaviours toward self, others, and God. As we worship may we open ourselves to the movement of the Spirit that both challenges and comforts, sustains and teaches, and is always present as love.

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

One: People, hope in God; for there is steadfast love with God, and power to redeem us from harmful ways and words and actions.

All: We hope in God, we wait on Christ, we are gathered in Spirit and now worship together!

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

Opening prayer

Jesus, bread of life, fill us again as we sing and pray, speak and listen, members of one another, beloved children of God. We pause in silence, ... to see you, hear you, touch you, taste you, breathe in the fragrance of your profound life-renewing love. *Pause.*
Amen.

Passing of the Peace: Turn to your neighbour....

Prayer of confession

This prayer has come with some hand actions – and so I’m inviting you to join me with the suggested hand actions for these prayers. For lines beginning “we put away,” hold your hands in front of you with palms facing downwards. For lines beginning “we take up,” hold hands in front of you with palms open upwards.

(down) **We put away falsehood, lies, deceitful words and actions.**

(UP) **We take up truth, honesty, openness in our words and actions.**

(down) **We put away anger that leads us to cause harm with our words and actions.**

(UP) **We take up words and actions that help create peace.**

(down) **We put away stealing, greed, grasping for all we can get for ourselves.**

(UP) **We take up honest work with our hands, to have something to share with those in need.**

(down) **We put away evil talk, mean words, insults, slander, and judgment of others.**

(UP) **We take up speech that builds others up, encourages, comforts, and offers others hope.**

(down) **We put away bitterness, revenge, the desire to cause others harm.**

(UP) **We take up kindness, tender-hearted attitudes, forgiving one another.**

Words of affirmation

All: For God has forgiven us, made us members of one another.

We remember again that we live in love, living in Christ, beloved children of God. Amen.

Song: A new commandment I give unto you

Bible Readings: 2 Samuel 18:5-9,15, 31-33

Ephesians 4:25-32 5:1-2

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

Sermon: ‘Anger to Love’

Song: Dear Lord and God of Humankind

Prayers for Others:

Offertory Prayer:

Notices:

Song: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

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.