



Onewa Christian Community



Gathering on Zoom

Sunday 5th September 2021

Come and join in any time after 9:30am for a 10am Start

Onewa Christian Community is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation.



“Home” means many different things to different people. For some, it is a place of safety. For others, it is a place of pain and trauma. For some, it is a reliable place to turn, and for others it is a place that exists in longing, unattainable in the present.

What does “home” mean to you? How has this meaning influenced your spiritual path?

Welcome

Today so much is happening, Eucharist, Father’s day, first Sunday of Spring and a series on the Season of Creation. **If you would like to Celebrate communion at home together please have bread and wine at the ready.**

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY IN THE TRADITION OF THE MEAL

May the presentness of the Sacred be in the breaking:

in the break of day

in the breaking of the bread

in the breaking of our lives

in the breaking of our hopes...

May the presentness of the Sacred make us whole.

We sing together: For the healing of the nations

Gathering Words

The earth has gone the round of seasons:
 from the vibrant green of spring's new life
 to the lush richness of warm summer,
 to the brilliant fulfilment of riotous autumn,
 to the generosity and self-giving of winter.
 Now we stand again, touched by the promise
 of new life in early spring.

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

Opening Prayer :

Discernment

Loving and caring God, how fertile your genius!
 You shape everything.
 You fill the world with what you do.
 We come together, glad, to this celebration.

When our days become over-busy and our spirits bleached like spinifex...

May we be flooded with a downpour of mercy!

When we take things for granted and gratitude goes to sleep...

May a new song be found on our tongues.

When life's abrasive pressures fray us,
 losing our hold on the Still Centre...

**We are reminded of nesting kereru,
 golden daffodils and the blossom of fruit trees
 - symbols of Creative Mystery.**

We light our candles in as a creative act of God's Presence - Silence

A story – “What is God Like?”

Thanksgiving

May God in this early Spring journey be with you.
And also with you.

Open your eyes, your ears, and your hearts.
We open them to the earth and to one another.

Let us give thanks for creativity in our lives.

As we offer both thanks and praise.

It is right and our joy that we should give such thanks...

We offer our praise for the changing moods of nature:

for sunshine and showers of an early spring day,

for the rich brown earth beneath our feet,

and for the clouds, the winds, the dusk and the dawn.

We hold all such good things in trust

as we care for the earth.

We also offer our praise for Jesus our Companion,

who taught all to care for the birds of the air

and the grass of the paddock,

as a mother or a father cares for a child.

We remember that night among friends, reclined at table...

Jesus again shared a meal with his friends.

Through grain and grape, bread and wine,

and in fellowship together,

Jesus spoke of his enduring love for each of them.

So we take this bread and this wine,

ever mindful of the Creative Spirit at work in our lives,

making our living a source of renewal and hope,

a springtime of promise and resurrection.

Readings – Mark 7: 24-30

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

What have you been thinking – some thoughts

Singing – O Great Lover who Pursues us

Offertory Prayer

By our smallest actions,

we become part of a bigger world.

The smallest giving can be an expression

of the good spirit of generosity and caring.

May we be helped to carry through the doorway

of each new day, this good spirit

of generosity and caring. (Francis Macnab/h)

Bread and Wine

Bread is broken

We break this bread in celebration of the great truth
that on this tiny planet, hurtling through cold, empty space,
death is made the servant of life,
and out of death, life is forever resurrected.

Wine is poured

This cup with its fruit of the vine,
is a celebration that things are not always as they seem:
that out of faithfulness and steadfastness,
out of suffering and sorrow,
may come unsought blessings.

Prayer of Intercession

In the Spirit of the Lord's prayer

**Good caring presence within us, around us, and above us;
Hold us in a sense of mystery and wonder.
Let the fullness of your goodness be within us and around us.
Let all the world know your ways of caring and generosity.
May we find we have all we need
to meet each day without undue anxiety.
Overlook our many stupidities,
and help us to release everyone from their stupidities.
May we know we are accepted.
Strengthen us that we will reach out to the best,
always with the faith
to rise above the ugly realities of our existence.
And we celebrate the gifts you have given us:
the rich kingdom of life's possibilities,
the power to do good and the triumphs of good,
and the moments when we have seen
the glory and wonder of everything.
You are life's richness.
You are life's power.
You are life's ultimate meaning.
Always.
And for everyone.
And for ever more. Amen. (Francis Macnab/fwb)**

Communion

To eat and drink together reminds us
of the deeper aspects of human fellowship,
for from time immemorial
the sharing of bread and wine has been
the most universal of all symbols of community.

Bread and wine**Parting Words**

It is now come for us to leave this sacred time.
As we do, may we embrace the challenges
of our lives and our world...
Hold again the fragrant symbol in your hands
and go forth to serve.

Will you care for Planet Earth?

We will remember our planet home!

We will nurture our planet!

We will celebrate life!

Sung Benediction. Friends

ZOOM DETAILS

Onewa Christian Community – ZOOM worship

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81451789516?pwd=UWkwVVV4RUhrbnFabmdDOTNKS0Fvdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5178 9516

Passcode: 518373

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.