



Onewa Christian Community



Gathering on Zoom

Sunday 7th November 2021

Come and join in any time after 9:00am for a 9:30 Start

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



Many cultures around the world sense that the veil between the living and dead is thin, and so prayers to and for the ancestors are common.

Who are the ancestors that you are holding close today?

Welcome

This week we have had All Saints Day and today we celebrate the Eucharist. Through the years we have pronounced the 'Communion of Saints' at Eucharist where we share this divine feast with the living and the dead.

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

Opening Prayer :

We sing together: Now is the time to worship

Gathering Words

We come together in this hour...in a wider search for truth and purpose.

In this quest, may we
greet one another with open hearts and minds;
inspire each other to consider new questions
and seek deeper meaning;
and cultivate both wisdom and compassion.

Let all who enter this sacred place
find comfort in this community.

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.

A story –

Singing with a young heart: Peace is the way

Readings – "Spirit of Life" By Barbara Hamilton-Holway
Mark 12:38-44 (Inclusive Text)
"Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church."

What have you been thinking – some thoughts

Singing – We are called to welcome strangers

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.

Sharing 'The Peace'

Let us take a moment to celebrate each other.
May a heart of peace rest with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to share the peace as you go into a chat room.

Prayer of Intercession

In the Spirit of the Lord's prayer

**God, who cares for us,
The wonder of whose presence fills us with awe.
Let kindness, justice and love shine in our world.
Let your secrets be known here as they are in heaven.
Give us the food and the hope we need for today.
Forgive us our wrongdoing
as we forgive the wrongs done to us.
Protect us from pride and from despair
and from the fear and hate which can swallow us up.
In you is truth, meaning, glory and power,
while worlds come and go.
Amen. (MFurlong/nwi)**

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!

Singing: Our life has it's seasons

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.