

Onewa Christian Community



☯ **Café service by Zoom + AGM** ☯

Sunday 21 November 2021

Join any time after 9:00am for a 9:30 start

Welcome and gathering words

Ata mārie, Hoki mai, Welcome, Aere mai, Hwan-Yeong,
Fakaalofa lahi atu, Afio mai, Ulu tonu mai, Talofa Lava, Foon
Ying, Selamat Datang, Vitajte, Bula, Welkom.

Fire who burns inside the mountain

Earth who feeds the trees

Sea who sprays up like a fountain

Wind who sighs the leaves

You, the source of inspiration

You the beauty bring

Yours, the power in creation

Yours, the praise we sing.

(Jim Burklo)

Opening song

Lord, the light of your love is shining. Graham Kendrick.

Candle lighting

In Christ, God has given us a new light,
kindling unconditional love for us
and showing us a well-lit path to wholeness and forgiveness.
We light a candle as a sign of presence. Thanks be to God.

First prayer

Set our hearts on fire with love for you, O Christ our God,
so that in its flame we may love you with all our heart,
with all our mind, with all our soul, and with all our strength;
and our neighbours as ourselves,
so that by keeping your commandments we may glorify you,
the giver of all good gifts. Amen.

Song: *I've got the joy in my heart.*

Reading: John 18:33-37 read by John Railton.

Table talk question

What voices do you listen to and how do they guide you in your life?

Song: *Take my life and let it be.* Frances Havergal.

Offering prayer

Each of us is a fragile miracle,
evidence of God's creative hands,
and amazing grace.

We are each unique,
unrepeatable gifts to the world.
We are proof of God's love.

And so we who are the gifts of creation
now give gifts to our Creator.
Gifts brought in love. Amen.

Prayers for others led by Rachel Hurr.

Blessing

So now we leave this time of worship
And while so much of the road ahead is uncertain,
the path constantly changing,
we know some things that are as solid and sure
as the ground beneath our feet,
and the sky above our heads.
We know God is love.
We know Christ's light endures.
We know the Holy Spirit is there,
found in the space between all things,
closer to us than our next breath,
binding us to each other,
until we meet again.
Go in peace. Amen.

(Rev. Nora Vedress, Calvary
United Church in Prince Albert,
Saskatchewan; adapted)

Song: *Tūtira mai ngā iwi. Wi Huata.*

Community time: birthdays and notices

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Zoom details

Join Zoom meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/93806307616?pwd=MIZiWjVZMi9pcXNnb0x1Q0VTRk1uUT09>

Meeting ID: **938 0630 7616**

Passcode: **AGM**

Onewa Christian Community

Vision

- We aspire to be an active and innovative Christian community that provides leadership and builds partnerships in our fast-changing world.

Mission

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.