

Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

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16 March 2025 – Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome!

*Whether you come often, haven't been for a while or you're new,
we are glad you are here today. We are all one in God.*

*Everyone here is seeking to know God better,
and we're glad you have joined us on this journey.*



poster by Meinrad Craighead

for the Kentucky Council of Churches (see Matthew 25: 34-40)

Offerings of money for the work of this parish, money for the Dunedin Night Shelter, and goods for Presbyterian Support's Food Bank may be left in the offering bag, dish, or basket (as appropriate) on the trolley near the door, either before or after the service. Offerings may also be made electronically – ask to talk to our Treasurer.

*Please consult the Minister or worship leader
before taking photographs or other recordings during a service,
in accordance with the church media policy displayed in the Morrison Lounge.*

Welcome

Call to Worship

The wind blows, Lord;
we hear your call.

The sun shines, Lord;
we see your call.

The rain falls, Lord;
we feel your call.

The Earth turns, Lord;
We know your call

Let us turn our faces to you.

Let us listen, look, feel and know you.

Let us worship together.

Please stand as the Bible is carried in and for the first hymn.

Hymn words and music by Sydney Carter WOV 558

When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour, were you there?
*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter –
were you there?*

I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?
*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter –
were you there?*

I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?
*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter –
were you there?*

When I needed a shelter, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter, were you there?
*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter –
were you there?*

Wherever you travel, I'll be there, I'll be there.

Wherever you travel, I'll be there.

*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter –
I'll be there.*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou;
the peace of Christ be with you all.

A ki a koe anō hoki; and also with you

we exchange a sign of peace with each other

Community Time – welcome, notices, anniversaries

Birthday greetings today.

May God bless you we pray.

Live for Jesus dear [name *or* friends],
may he guide you always.

Chat Time

Hymn words by Shirley Murray tune traditional French melody FFS 34

I am standing waiting, waiting at your door,
one of hunger's children from a billion poor,
though you cannot see me, though I am so small –
listen to my crying, crying for us all.

I stand at your table asking to be fed,
holding up my rice bowl, begging for your bread,
I stand at your schoolroom longing just to learn,
hoping that you'll teach me ways to live and learn.

I stand at your clinic begging for vaccine,
I stand at your wash place where the water's clean,
I stand at your office, beg the heads of state,
I am just a child, so I must hope and wait.

I stand in your churches, listen to your prayers,
long to know a God who understands and cares.
If there is a God, a God who loves the poor,
I'm still standing waiting, waiting at your door.

Prayer of Offering

Out of our great plenty, today we bring something to you.
We give what we can to those who need it.
It might not be enough, but we are trying.
Bless our gifts, and those who receive them.

Three Bible Readings

Isaiah 58: 6-12

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

James 2: 14-17

(moment of silence)

Matthew 25: 34-40

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ
Praise to Christ the Word.

Reflection

Hymn words and music by Felicia Edgecombe AA 83

Just a cup of water in his name
Jesus said will honour him.
Many need your love, Lord, make us see
and help us to live in true charity.
"Love your neighbour as you love yourself,"
Jesus' words come to us and they will not go away.

Jesus had compassion and touched the lives
of all those whose needs he saw:
many need your help, Lord, make us care
and use us freely, your gifts to share.
"Love your neighbour as you love yourself,"
Jesus' words come to us and they will not go away.

All alone we're powerless to do God's work:
every strength must come from him.

You have sent your Spirit, you give life,
so lead in victory and be our light.

*“Love your neighbour as you love yourself,”
Jesus' words come to us and they will not go away.*

Prayer of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer *sung* tune WOV 676

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth, as in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.

Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, amen.

Thanks

We sing together words John Murray, music Cecily Sheehy FFS 71 (*sung through twice*)

Whatever is true and honest and good,
whatever has beauty and wisdom,
whatever reveals the face of God,
these will we live by and treasure

Benediction

**May the Lord our God, Jesus Christ our Saviour,
and the Holy Spirit our delight bless us all,
today, in the days to come, and all our lives.**

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*Everyone is welcome to stay for morning tea
after the service – through the door at the back of the church.*

Today's service was brought to you by
Leading the Service: Abby Smith
Door Duty: Julie Mander and Gregor Macaulay
Music: Singers and guitarists
Readings: Christine Cleugh
Prayers: Mark Ranby
Sound and Data Projector: Judy Rodda
Flowers: Judy Rodda
Morning Tea: Jane Bloore and Daniel Larsen
Church Cleaning: Susan Wall
Hall Cleaning: Andrew Smith

Opportunities for ministry week ending 23 March

Door Duty: Andrew Smith and Jane Bloore
Music: David Murray
Readings: David Murray
Prayers: Daniel Larsen
Sound and Data Projector: Daniel Larsen
Flowers: Judy Rodda
Morning Tea: Marian Weaver and Bronwen Strang
Church Cleaning: Susan Wall
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Keeping in Touch

If you would like to be emailed about church news and coming events, please give your email address to the Parish Clerk, Hamish Spencer, or email him at opohoclerk@gmail.com

Coming Events at Ōpoho Presbyterian Church

20 March ~ Thursday	Material due for April <i>Opoho Signal</i>
23 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Meegan Cloughley
24 March ~ Monday	Otago Anniversary Day
27 March ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge (a week later than usual)
30 March ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind
6 April ~ Sunday	Daylight saving ends – clocks go <i>back</i> one hour 10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind, Communion
9 April ~ Wednesday	7.30 p.m.: Property and Finance Committee, Morrison Lounge
10 April ~ Thursday	2 p.m.: Fellowship Group, Morrison Lounge
13 April ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, Jane Bloore
17 April ~ Thursday	7.30 p.m.: Parish Council, Morrison Lounge
18 April ~ Friday	Good Friday – public holiday 10 a.m.: Good Friday service, the Rev. Clare Lind
20 April ~ Easter Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind Material due for May <i>Opoho Signal</i>
21 April ~ Monday	Easter Monday – public holiday
25 April ~ Friday	ANZAC Day – public holiday
27 April ~ Sunday	10 a.m.: Worship, the Rev. Clare Lind

