



Welcome to Online Worship

SUNDAY 17th OF MAY 2020

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian
Church of New Zealand



Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

Call to Worship Psalm 118:1-6¹

¹ Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures for ever!

² Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures for ever.”

³ Let the house of Aaron say,
“His steadfast love endures for ever.”

⁴ Let those who fear the Lord say,
“His steadfast love endures for ever.”

⁵ Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me free.

⁶ The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?

Prayer of Adoration and Approach

Corporate Prayer of Confession and Repentance

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father;

We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws.

We have not done those things
which we ought to have done;

And we have done those things
which we ought not to have done.

But You, O Lord are merciful. Forgive us, O Lord,
as we confess our faults.

Restore us as we repent,
according to Your promises
declared to us in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grant, merciful Father, for His sake;
that we may live a godly, righteous, and holy life,
To the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

¹ All passages of Scripture taken from the English Standard Version.

Assurance of Grace Isaiah 1:18; Psalm 103:11,12;

¹⁸ “Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:

though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *Across the Lands*

Authors: Stuart Townend

You're the Word of God the Father,
From before the world began;
Every star and every planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice:
Let the skies declare Your glory,
Let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation,
You're the Lord of every man;
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,
Came to seek and save the lost,
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry,
With a word You stilled the sea.
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free.

²Adoration: the act of paying honour, as to a divine being; worship; reverent homage; fervent and devoted love.

*You're the Author of creation,
You're the Lord of every man;
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands.*

With a shout You rose victorious,
Wresting victory from the grave,
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in Your wake.
Now You stand before the Father
Interceding for Your own.
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home.

*You're the Author of creation,
You're the Lord of every man;
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands.*

Pastoral Prayer

Please feel free to send a text through on 021 0367 957 or use the sidebar chat to send a request (just to Pastor Pete) or share live.

This will normally include opportunity for you to share things you are thankful for or want to ask God for. Though the Pastor is the one who prays aloud we can all pray together and express in our hearts the things that we want to bring to a gracious God. In this way too we practise love and care for one another.

Scripture Reading Hebrews 13 (Church Bible p1009) *Steve*

Dedication of offering, prayer for children & today's message

Giving to the Lord is a free will offering from the hearts of those who believe in Jesus for salvation. No one will be asked to give; this is simply between you and the Lord. That is why we have a box by the door. Please see endnote (p8) for further information about the offering.

Corporate Prayer for the Hearing of God's Word

Adapted from Ephesians 3:14-21

We bow our knees before the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,
that according to the riches of his glory
He may grant us to be strengthened with power through his Spirit
in our inner being,
so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith
—that we, being rooted and grounded in love,
may have strength to comprehend with all the saints
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do
far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,
according to the power at work within us,
to him be glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Message Hebrews 13:1-8

"Steadfast Lives with a Steadfast Love"

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions...

INTRODUCTION

I. LOVE IS OTHERS, verse 1-3

A. Sisters and brothers, verse 1

B. Strangers, verse 2

C. Sufferers, verse 3

II. LOVE IS PURITY, verse 4

III. LOVE IS CONTENTMENT, verses 5-6

IV. LOVE AND THE UNCHANGING CHRIST, verses 7-8

A. The Grace of Christ

B. The Presence of Christ

C. The Prize of Christ

Closing Song *Abide With Me*

Author: Henry F. Lyte, 1847

Abide with me!

Fast falls the eventide;

The darkness deepens.

Lord with me abide.

When other helpers fail,

And comforts flee,

Help of the helpless,

O abide with me!

Swift to its close

Ebbs out life's little day;

Earth's joys grow dim,

Its glories pass away;

Change and decay

In all around I see;

O Thou who changest not,

Abide with me!

Thou on my head

In early youth didst smile;

And though rebellious

And perverse meanwhile,

Thou hast not left me,

Oft as I left Thee,

On to the close,

O Lord, abide with me!

I need Thy presence

Every passing hour.

What but Thy grace

Can foil the tempter's power?

Who like Thyself

My guide and stay can be?

Through cloud and sunshine,

O abide with me!

I fear no foe
With Thee at hand to bless:
Ills have no weight,
And tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting?
Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still,
If Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross
Before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom,
And point me to the skies;
Heav'n's morning breaks,
And earth's vain shadows flee:
In life, in death,
O Lord, abide with me!

BENEDICTION³

³ Benediction: literally, "good word" or "speak well"; a verbal blessing pronounced in God's name by the Pastor, at the conclusion of the service, sending us forth from this special time as we continue our lives seeking to know and follow Jesus.

Shore Presbyterian Church Giving Information

Throughout the Bible the giving of tithes and offerings has always been seen as a part of the believer's worship to God. Apart from other charitable giving it's important for Christians to help financially sustain the ministry of the local church they are a part of. If you wish to become a regular giver at Shore Presbyterian, please see our Treasurer Cathy Tasker who can provide you with a number so that you can receive a tax receipt at the end of the financial year. There are two ways to give: you can place your offering in the box in the entrance. If you wish to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year you can put the offering in an envelope with your number on it. You can also give online through automatic deposit. The Shore Presbyterian Church bank account number is 12-3059-0631003-00. Make sure you record your number with the deposit.

If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor Peter Boyd (021 0367 957 or petethepastor@shorepres.org.nz) or with our church Treasurer Cathy Tasker (cathytasker@gmail.com).

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Hebrews 13:1-8

1. Why is brotherly love such an important attitude and practice in a letter calling Christians to endurance and perseverance in Christian faith and life?
2. Think about the three categories for loving in verse 1-3. Who is our 'brother/sister'; who is the 'stranger'; who is the 'sufferer'? How can we love in reality?
3. How do the concepts of love and sexual purity go together? Think about how this is a challenge in our culture. And how does the grace of Christ speak to Christians who fail? And how does the grace of Christ make the call for purity possible?
4. In a time when finances can be precarious, how does the writers call to contentment speak to us? What makes contentment possible?
5. As we seek to persevere in faith; as we seek to love; as we seek purity; and as we seek contentment; what is the liberating glory of those words in verse 8:

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever"?

NOTICES

Encouragement Groups

Torbay/Browns Bay

When Every Thursday, 7:00-8:30 pm,
Where **Check with the contact person!**
Contact Paul Burton 473 0086 or 021 253 0980

Glenfield

When Every Tuesday, 8:00–9:30 pm
Where Check with the contact person!
Contact Tom Wilson 027 785 1332

Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

When 1st Sunday of the month, next: 7th of June. Looking forward to being able to have a fellowship meal together in the Lord's timing.

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 27th of May (2nd and 4th Wed of the month)
Where Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Food Bank

During the Covid-19 crises many community needs have arisen due to job losses etc. We wanted to be able to help out with some of these needs in our local area and so have decided to partner with the Long Bay Baptist Church Food Bank which has received a large number of requests.

As a Church Family we have the opportunity to donate food products to build up their supply. Our suggestion is that you add the words "food bank" to your Shopping List and when you have a bit of a supply saved up, let Cathy Tasker know (021 0255 8854) and she will pick it up and deliver it to the Food Bank. Here is a list of the staples most needed:

- Breakfast cereals, porridge.
- Tins- baked beans, vegetables, tomatoes, fruit.
- Meal in a can-soups, Big Eat.
- Pasta – Rice.
- Noodles – dried & instant
- Sauces – tin/jar, pasta sauces, gravy,/sauces sachets.
- Biscuits, crackers, muesli bars.
- UHT milk, milk powder.
- Tea bags
- Instant coffee.
- Toothpaste.
- Toilet rolls.
- Soup.



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