

Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 2ND OF AUGUST 2020

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian Church of New Zealand

Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

New to Church? We do understand that coming to a church meeting can be an uncomfortable experience for many people. We don't want you to feel anxious. Our style is relaxed and friendly and nobody will be put on the spot or asked to do something unfamiliar. *You can simply be here and observe or participate to the degree you are comfortable.* You do not have to be a Christian; this is an opportunity, in a non-threatening environment to learn more about who Jesus is and why we want to follow him. If you don't feel like praying, singing, or even standing up you don't need to, no one will think less of you. We will try to explain some aspects of the meeting as we go but we realise that some of our practices may seem strange. If you have any questions about why we do any of the things we do please don't hesitate to ask anyone who's involved with the service. Our pastor would love to answer any questions you have about the service or the message.

Children's Ministry - Children are an important part of all we do.

In the second half of the meeting during the teaching time a program is available for children. *The children's group*, 3 to 9 years old, will meet in Classroom 3. *Pre-teens*, over 9 years old, will meet in the Crèche room opposite the hall entrance. This will be a time of interactive fun and teaching at their level so they too can understand the things concerning Jesus. You are **free as families** to send your children to that program **or** to keep them in the main meeting. We encourage children to be part of the main meeting as we believe God's heart for them is large and they too are able to learn the great things of the Christian faith. **There are worksheets available at the back for use during the message if you find this helpful.**

Crèche: AREA 1 – This is available for 0 to 2 year olds, during the sermon time, in the room on the right hand side of the building directly opposite the hall entrance. The person running the crèche will be waiting and available at the back of the hall. If they are not there then they will already be serving in the crèche room. AREA 2 - The back part of the meeting room also has a child-friendly area where parents can feel a little more relaxed with their small children but still join in the worship.

Thanks again for joining with us this morning. We hope you find the time to be both encouraging and thought provoking. Please join us after the service for coffee, tea and snacks.

Call to Worship Romans 5:1-5¹

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Prayer of adoration and approach

Songs of Adoration² & Praise Arise my soul arise

Author: Charles Wesley

Arise my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice,
In my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above,
For me to intercede;
His all redeeming love,
His precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Arise, arise, arise, Arise, my soul, arise. Arise, arise, arise, Arise, my soul, arise. Shake off your guilty fears and rise

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

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

My God is reconciled;
His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child;
I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Arise, arise, arise,
Arise, my soul, arise.

Arise, arise, arise,
Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise, arise, arise,
Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

As the deer

(Martin J. Nystrom, 1981)

As the deer pants for the water So my soul longs after You You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship You.

You alone are my strength, my shield To You alone may my spirit yield You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship You.

I want you more than gold or silver Only You can satisfy You alone are the real joy giver And the apple of my eye.

> You alone are my strength, my shield To You alone may my spirit yield You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship You.

You're my friend and You are my brother Even though you are a King I love You more than any other So much more than anything.

You alone are my strength, my shield

To You alone may my spirit yield You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship You.

Time of Confession and Repentance Psalm 32:1-5

- ¹ Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- ² Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- ³ For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- I acknowledged my sin to you,
 and I did not cover my iniquity;
 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord",
 and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Corporate Assurance of Grace Romans 8:31-39

- **Leader** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?
- **People** He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?
- **Leader** Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.
- **People** Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.
- **Leader** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?
- **People** As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."
- **Leader** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

ALL - for I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word Glorified

Parachute Band

Lord I come into your Holy place.

Stand in awe, of your cleansing grace.

Who am I that you would care for me

Who am I, that you would care for me?

I glorify the one who died for me.

Glorify, glorify

Let your name be lifted up and glorified

Let the earth tremble at your name

Let your name be lifted up and glorified

Into your hands, I commit my life
Day by day as a living sacrifice
Who am I that you would care for me?
I glorify the one who died for me

Glorify, glorify
Let your name be lifted up and glorified
Let the earth tremble at your name
Let your name be lifted up and glorified

Scripture Reading Nehemiah 1:1-14 (Church Bible p398)

Dedication of offering and prayer for children

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 (p11) for further information about the offering.

Message Nehemiah 1:1-5 "Praying in the Breach" Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions...

INTRODUCTION

- I. STANDING IN THE BREACH
- II. CALLING ON THE LORD
- III. CONFIEDENCE IN AN AWESOME SOVEREIGNTY
- IV. CONFIDENCE IN A COVENANTED FAITHFULNESS
- V. CONFESSION OF SIN
- VI. THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF GRACE

CONCLUSION – PRAYER IS A DANGEROUS CALLING

Song of preparation for the Lord's Supper Jesus Messiah

Author: Chris Tomlin

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become his righteousness
He humbled himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing

Jesus Messigh, name above all name

Jesus Messiah, name above all names Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, his blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled
And the veil was torn
Love so amazing, love so amazing
Jesus Messiah, name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

All our hope is in you
All our hope is in you
All the glory to you, God
The light of the world (REPEAT)

Jesus Messiah, name above all names Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven Jesus Messiah, Lord of all. The Lord's Supper Who is this for? Jesus himself has appointed this means of remembering His death on the cross and the benefits that come to us. It is an opportunity to feed on Him by faith and to be strengthened as His followers. Therefore, it is appropriate that only those who are truly Christians should participate. That is, those who profess faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord, who are baptised into His church and who seek to live obedient lives. If this does not describe you, we encourage you not to take the bread or wine but to use the opportunity to consider the things you have heard in today's service and to consider the claims of Christ and what they mean for you. You may find some help in one of the prayers printed on page 15. If you have questions about these things, please contact Pastor Peter.

Profession of Faith The Heidelberg Catechism³ **Question 60 How are you righteous before God?**

Answer Only by true faith in Jesus Christ: even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil; nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift with a believing heart.

Prayer Malcolm Tasker

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³ The Heidelberg Catechism is a 16th Century document designed to teach the biblical faith. A Catechism, meaning "oral instruction", is a helpful means of learning using the method of memorizing and understanding questions and answers.

Closing Song There Is A Redeemer

Authors: Keith Green

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Oh, for sinners slain.

Thank you oh my Father,
For giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit,
'Til the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face, And there I'll serve my King forever, In that holy place.

Thank you oh my Father,
For giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit,
'Til the work on earth is done.

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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).

⁴ 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.

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Nehemiah 1

- 1. What does it mean "to stand in the breach"? How did Moses do that, see Psalm 106:19-23 and Exodus 32:30-32? How does Jesus ultimately do that?
- 2. What is the breach in the book of Nehemiah? What are the breaches and challenges we see in the world and in our own lives, and how does Nehemiah chapter 1 show us a way?
- 3. Why is prayer not always a first course of action? What can we learn from Nehemiah and also from someone like Hezekiah before him, see 2 Kings 19:14-16?
- 4. Discuss how prayer reminds us of the things that matter, like God's awesome sovereignty, over the big breaches in the world and the personal ones in our own lives. How does God's covenant, sealed to us in Christ, give us hope and confidence in crying to Him?
- 5. Think about our Christian responsibility to step into the breach for a broken world. In Nehemiah's confession of sin, he includes himself. How does this show us a right and humble posture toward that broken world, rather than a judgemental "us/them" posture? How is this helpful to our witness for Christ?

NOTICES

Encouragement Groups

Glenfield

When Every Tuesday, 7:30–9:00 pm
Where Check with the contact person!

Contact Tom Wilson 027 785 1332

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

Fellowship Lunch

What Opportunity after Sunday worship to share together over lunch

at the Boyd's home. *Come and bring food to share.*

When Last Sunday of the month, next is 30th of August

Where Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Contact Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

When 1st Sunday of the month, next: 2nd of August, today

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 12th of August (2nd and 4th Wed of the month)

Where Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Men's ministry

What Men...encouraging men...reaching men (young & not so young)

Looking at the issues facing men today in light of the Gospel

of Christ.

When From 6:30, 13th of August (monthly 2nd Thursday)

BBQ, Bible and Brews at Boyds

Where Pete's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Contact Pastor Pete 021 0367 957 or Steve 022 647 0931

Youth Group

When 7:00 pm (Fridays: every 1st, 3rd and 5th of the month)

Fun and Dessert and Discussion

Where TBA

Contact Steve Bilton 022 647 0931 or Chris Burton 022 345 4131

Women's ministry

What Mid-Winter Christmas Celebration
When 5:30 pm, Saturday 29th of August

Where Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Contact Please RSVP by 22nd of August to Sharmini 021 056 4024

There is also a Menu Planner on the table for you to write what you would like to bring, so that we can enjoy a variety of food.

Food Bank

Just a reminder of this ongoing opportunity to help with community needs, post-Covid19, by donating food products for the Long Bay Baptist Church Food Bank. 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). Here are some staples most needed: Breakfast cereals, porridge; Tinsbaked 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.

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 9 th of August						
SHORE KID'S LEADER	CRECHE	KITCHEN & MORNING TEA	OPEN UP & FIRE WARDEN	HALL SET-UP	HALL TAKE DOWN & CLEAN UP	SUPERVISE PLAY GROUND
ТВА	Volunteer	Leah Munroe and Ingrid Goodenough	Dennis	Dennis, Jonathan Munroe & Paul Goodenough	Dennis, Jonathan, Paul & Volunteers	Volunteers

Silent Prayers for use during the Lord's Supper

Prayer of uncertainty God, I don't even know if you exist or if I'm just talking to myself. If you are real, please help me to come to know you. Open my heart and my mind to consider the truth claims of Jesus who is called the Christ. Help me to see both my need for you and how Jesus is the provision for that need. Give me the answers I need and dissolve any dishonest objections that I hold to your existence Amen.

Prayer for those searching for truth Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of belief Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Saviour. Amen.

Prayer of commitment Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with sin Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfilment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.

Prayer for the believer Father, I come now to your table, to partake of Christ's body and blood in holy communion. I ask that you would search my heart and show me my failings and sins so that I may repent and turn to embrace your promises anew. Although I am unworthy, you have made me worthy. Though I am a sinner, you have taken away my sins by your very own body and blood. May you be glorified in our partaking of your sacrament. Amen.



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