



## **Welcome to Worship**

**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OF AUGUST 2020**

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian  
Church of New Zealand



# Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

## Call to Worship Psalms 18:1-6<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> I love you, O LORD, my strength.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

<sup>3</sup> I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
and I am saved from my enemies.

<sup>4</sup> The cords of death encompassed me;  
the torrents of destruction assailed me;

<sup>5</sup> the cords of Sheol entangled me;  
the snares of death confronted me.

<sup>6</sup> In my distress I called upon the LORD;  
to my God I cried for help.  
From his temple he heard my voice,  
and my cry to him reached his ears.

## 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.**<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> All passages of Scripture taken from the English Standard Version.

## Prayer of adoration and approach

### Song of Adoration<sup>3</sup> & Praise *See What A Morning*

Authors: Kieth & Kristin Getty

See, what a morning, gloriously bright  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem  
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light  
As the angels announce, "Christ is risen"

*See God's salvation plan  
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice  
Fulfilled in Christ, the man  
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead*

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name  
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again

*The voice that spans the years  
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us  
Will sound till He appears  
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead*

One with the Father, Ancient of Days  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise  
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority

*And we are raised with Him  
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered  
And we shall reign with Him  
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead*

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<sup>2</sup> Adapted from the Anglican Prayer Book

<sup>3</sup>Adoration: the act of paying honour, as to a divine being; worship; reverent homage; fervent and devoted love.

## **Corporate prayer of Trust and Commitment<sup>4</sup>**

You are the blessed God,

Happy in Yourself,

Source of happiness in Your children.

You are my Creator, Carer and Provider,

You have made and sustained me,

Saved and kept me.

You are, in every situation, able to meet my needs and my sorrows.

May I live in You,

Live for You,

Never be satisfied by my Christian progress,

Except that I become more like Christ.

May conformity to Christ's principles, character, and conduct,

Grow hourly in my life.

May Your incomparable love constrain me unto holy obedience,

And turn my duty into delight.

If others think my faith is foolish,

May I rejoice to suffer for Your name.

Keep me walking steadfastly toward that future of everlasting joy,

That heaven which is my true inheritance.

Support me by the strength of heaven,

That I may never turn back,

Or desire false pleasures that will disappear into nothing.

As I pursue that heavenly journey by Your grace,

Let me be known as a person with only one aim,

That of a burning desire for the Lord,

And for the good and salvation of others.

**In Jesus name, Amen.**

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<sup>4</sup> Adapted from *The Valley of Vision, A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions*, The Banner of Truth Trust, 2011, page 115

## **Profession of Faith** *The Apostle's Creed*<sup>5</sup>

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic<sup>6</sup> church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

***Please feel free to send a text through to Paul on 021 253 0980***

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.

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<sup>5</sup> The Apostle's Creed represents the earliest and most widespread expression of faith among Christians throughout the history of the Church.

<sup>6</sup> The term "catholic" here means "worldwide" and "universal" in regards to the church and is not referring to any particular denomination.

## **Song of Preparation for Hearing God's Word**

### *The Church's One Foundation*

Author: Samuel John Stone

The church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her  
To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her,  
And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation,  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore;  
Till, with the vision glorious,

Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest!

Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with Thee.

**Scripture Reading** 1 Corinthians 12:12-19 Steve B.

**Scripture Reading** Nehemiah 2:17-3:2 Malcolm T.

### **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 (p14) for further information about the offering.

### **Message** Nehemiah 3 *“The Power of Unity”*

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

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **I. THE BEAUTY OF A BUILDING PROJECT**

## II. THE BEAUTY OF CHRIST'S BUILDING PROJECT

### A. The Value of Each

### B. The Importance of Unity

### C. The Necessity of Difference

## CONCLUSION – Christ the Cornerstone

### Closing Song *Cornerstone*

Authors: Edward Mote, Reuben Morgan

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' name **(REPEAT)**

*Christ alone; cornerstone*

*Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love*

*Through the storm, he is Lord,*

*Lord of all.*

When darkness seems to hide his face  
I rest on his unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil



*Christ alone; cornerstone  
Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm, he is Lord,  
Lord of all.*

When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in him be found;  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,  
Faultless stand before the throne.

*Christ alone; cornerstone  
Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm, he is Lord  
Lord of all.*

## **BENEDICTION<sup>7</sup>**

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<sup>7</sup> 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 3; 1 Corinthians 1:26-30; John 17:21; Philipians 2:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-15

1. As a group, scan through Nehemiah chapter 3 and, without tripping up on the names, try to identify the different kinds of people who worked on the wall.
2. Why was the wall so important? What was it that unified these people and made them successful?
3. How does this chapter picture for us the Church of Jesus Christ now?
4. Think about and celebrate Shore Pres and the diversity of people God by grace has brought into union with one another. Especially as we remember our 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary 😊🎉.
5. What unifies us? Why is the unity of the Church so important? Who is our enemy, and what is he trying to do? Check passages like John 17:21 and Philipians 2:1-5. How do we each contribute to the maintaining of the unity of the Church?
6. **Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-30.** Do you sometimes feel that you have little value in God's Church? In what ways? How does Nehemiah 3 and this passage in 1 Corinthians encourage you?
7. **Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-15.** What are the differences that are important in the life of the Church? Why are they important? How again does that recognise the value of each member and the importance of unity in Christ?
8. **If you have time,** think together about how this is all the work of Christ in and through His people, and what a joy and privilege that is that we are given opportunity to be instruments in His hands.

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> of August  
**Where** Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay  
**Contact** Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

### Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

**When** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, next: 6<sup>th</sup> of September

### Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 26<sup>th</sup> of August (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month), **this week**  
**Where** **To Be Advised**

### 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, 10th of September (monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

- What** *Fun and Dessert and Discussion.*  
Next Discussion: “Soul”, Chapter 3 - Mission
- When** 7:00 pm, 4<sup>th</sup> of September (every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Friday)
- Where** Burton’s home, or check with leaders
- 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 29<sup>th</sup> of August
- Where** Boyd’s home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay
- Contact** ***Please RSVP by 22<sup>nd</sup> 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; 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.

## Baby Shower

- What** *“Come and Celebrate Tom and Ariel’s Baby Shower”*
- When** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2.30pm-4.00pm
- Where** Karen and Dennis’s home 24, Beechwood Road, Torbay  
Please bring a plate to share.
- Everyone is invited to join in with this wonderful celebration.

***RSVP By the 5<sup>th</sup> of September to Sharmini 021 056 4024***

## Youth Camp

**What** Youth Camp for Years 5 to 8  
**When** Friday 18 September to Sunday 20 September  
**Where** Ngaruawahia

**See Fliers on back table, or ask Pete to email you one.**

## Creation Ministries International Speaker

Just a heads up that November the 15<sup>th</sup> will be a special service, mainly given over to hearing from Mark James who will give encouragements on believing the creation accounts in Genesis so that we are confident to believe the whole Bible and share its truth with our friends.

*Mark this in your diaries.*

***This is a great opportunity to invite others to come and hear and be encouraged and challenged.***

### Serving Roster for next Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> 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
TBA	Volunteer	Karen v B and Sharmini	Dennis	Dennis, Carl & William Paddick	Dennis, Carl, William & Volunteers	Volunteers

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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](mailto:petethepastor@shorepres.org.nz)) or with our church Treasurer Cathy Tasker ([cathytasker@gmail.com](mailto:cathytasker@gmail.com)).



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