



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 30th OF AUGUST 2020

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian
Church of New Zealand



Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

Call to Worship Psalm 27:1-5¹

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

² When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

³ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

⁴ One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to enquire in his temple.

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

Prayer of adoration and approach

Song of Adoration² & Praise *Blessed Be Your Name*

Author: Matt Redman

Blessed be your name

In the land that is plentiful

Where your streams of abundance flow

Blessed be your name

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

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

Blessed be your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness

Blessed be your name

Every blessing you pour out

I'll turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be your glorious name

Blessed be your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be

Blessed be your name

Blessed be your name

On the road marked with suffering

Though there's pain in the offering

Blessed be your name

Every blessing you pour out

I'll turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be your glorious name

You give and take away

You give and take away

My heart will choose to say

Lord, blessed be your name **(REPEAT)**

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

*Blessed be your glorious name **(REPEAT)***

Scripture Meditation Romans 5:1-5

- 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.

Profession of Faith Psalm 119:1-57-60, 64, 65-68, 71-72

Leader The Lord is my portion; I promise to keep your words.

People *I entreat your favour with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.*

Leader When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies; I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments.

People *The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!*

Leader You have dealt well with your servant, O Lord, according to your word.

People *Teach me good judgement and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments.*

Leader Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word.

People *You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.*

All **It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.**

The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Please feel free to send a text through to Malcom on 021 441 594

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 *He Is Exalted*

Author: Twila Paris

He is exalted the King is exalted on high
I will praise him,
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise his name

*He is the Lord,
Forever his truth shall reign
Heaven and Earth,
Rejoice in his holy name
He is exalted the King is exalted on high (REPEAT)*

Scripture Reading Ephesians 6:10-13 Tom Wilson

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Scripture Reading Nehemiah 4:1-14 Carl Paddick

Scripture Reading Nehemiah 4:15-23 Paul Burton

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 (p12) for further information about the offering.

Message Nehemiah 4 *“Strategies for Spiritual War”*

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

INTRODUCTION

I. SATAN’S STRATEGIES

A. Mockery, verses 1-3

B. Threats, verses 7-8

C. The Enemy

D. Whom he attacks

II. SAINT'S STRATEGIES

A. Ask, verses 4-5, 9

B. Act, verse 6

C. Arm, verses 9, 13-23

D. Anxious not, verse 14, 20

CONCLUSION – Christus Victor

Closing Song *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Author: Thomas O. Chisholm

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto 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.

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Nehemiah 4; Ephesians 6:10-20

1. See how the enemy functions here, first mockery and then threats. Discuss how mockery works in our culture and how does it impact our faith. Discuss how threats have functioned throughout history, in other parts of the world and in the western world?
2. What is the source of enmity to God's people and God's cause? Do you believe in this enemy? How should we view him? What does he want to do and how does he do it?
3. It has been said that as soon as God's people say, "Let us rise up and build", the enemy says, "let us rise up and stop them". When is the Church and the individual believer more likely to be opposed by Satan? What kind of things might you be choosing in your life that will create the hostility of Satan?
4. Think about the response led by Nehemiah. First *prayer*, then *action*, then *arming/guarding*. Why are these all important? How do they give us a strategy for responding to Satan's strategies today? How do prayer and action particularly function together?
5. Think about our greatest response – see verses 14 and 20. How is that assured for us today in Jesus Christ our victor? How does that encourage you to resist Satan's strategies and to keep going and growing?

A Song of Your Encouragement Who is on the Lord's Side?

Francis R. Havergal, 1877, based on Exodus 32:26

Who is on the Lord's side? Who will serve the King?
Who will be His helpers, other lives to bring?
Who will leave the world's side? Who will face the foe?
Who is on the Lord's side? Who for Him will go?
*By Thy call of mercy, by Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side—Saviour, we are Thine.*

Not for weight of glory, not for crown and palm,
Enter we the army, raise the warrior psalm;
But for love that claimeth lives for whom He died:
He whom Jesus nameth must be on His side.
*By Thy love constraining, by Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side—Saviour, we are Thine.*

Jesus, Thou hast bought us, not with gold or gem,
But with Thine own life blood, for Thy diadem⁴;
With Thy blessing filling, each who comes to Thee,
Thou hast made us willing, Thou hast made us free.
*By Thy grand redemption, by Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side—Saviour, we are Thine.*

Fierce may be the conflict, strong may be the foe,
But the King's own army none can overthrow.
'Round His standard ranging, victory is secure,
For His truth unchanging, makes the triumph sure.
*Joyfully enlisting, by Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side—Saviour, we are Thine.*

Chosen to be soldiers, in an alien land,
Chosen, called, and faithful, for our Captain's band;
In the service royal, let us not grow cold;
Let us be right loyal, noble, true and bold.
*Master, Thou wilt keep us, by Thy grace divine,
Always on the Lord's side—Saviour, always Thine.*

⁴ Crown

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.
Cancelled this time due to Alert Level 3
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: 6th of September

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 9th of September (2nd and 4th Wed of the month)
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 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

- What** *Fun and Dessert and Discussion.*
Next Discussion: "Soul", Chapter 3 - Mission
- When** 7:00 pm, 4th of September (every 1st, 3rd and 5th 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** *"Let's Bloom Again" Shore Pres Ladies Celebration*
Ladies, we will have a time of sharing something that you found really encouraging that kept you going during the lock down.
- When** 5:30 pm, Saturday 17th of October
- Where** Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay
- Contact** ***Please RSVP by*** 10th of October to Sharmini 021 056 4024
Please bring a plate to share. Let's make the plate to include something with spring seasonal foods, e.g. asparagus, tomatoes, strawberries.

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 12th 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 5th of September to Sharmini 021 056 4024

Sound Desk Team

If you are interested in serving as part of the sound desk team please let Paul Burton know (a new roster will be published shortly). Training will be available for those who would like it.

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 15th 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 6th of September

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	Cathy Tasker and Ariel Wilson	Dennis	Dennis, Malcom Tasker & Steve Bilton	Dennis, Malcom, Steve & Volunteers	Volunteers

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).

Some of the basic commitments of Shore Pres for your interest (more available on the website: shorepres.org.nz)

We seek to be a community of grace. The Church has not always represented Jesus well; sometimes it has been harsh and hurtful. Often people are struggling with great hurts in life as well as great questions and doubts. We desire to be a community that provides acceptance and allows for time to heal and room to work through doubts and fears as we all learn together from the grace and wisdom that Jesus offers.

We seek to love and to serve. One of the great joys of being a Christian is in knowing how much Jesus, who is God, has loved and served us. So in response we seek to love and serve others, both within the Christian community and into the community in which we live. We hope that the warmth of our Sunday meetings expresses something of that Jesus kind of love.

We seek to worship. We are committed to meeting to worship God for His glory and grace and that our gathered worship is the high point of our lives. We also believe that worship extends to every part of our lives and our daily pursuits and that we serve and honour Him in all that we do. We are committed to corporate worship that embraces and respects those who may not yet believe. For that reason we try to practice a worship that is orderly and understandable; and that does not demand any more involvement than a visitor is willing or able to give.

We seek to be missional. That is to say we, don't believe we exist as Christians for our own sake. Rather Christ has commanded and modelled for us a way of life marked by neighbour love. We are to do good in the world and to care for our culture and our communities. We are to serve Him where we worship, where we work, where we study, where we live, even where we play. We also believe that the Good News of sins forgiven and everlasting life through the death and resurrection of Jesus is the message that everyone needs to hear.

We believe the Bible. That is to say, we believe that the Bible is the Word of God and that that is where God speaks authoritatively. The Bible is the place to find answers to the great questions of life. So the Bible takes central place in our worship, our gatherings and in our lives.

We believe the Gospel. We believe the Good News that Jesus is the Son of God who died and rose again to bring us into an eternal relationship with God through the forgiveness of sins.

We believe in Jesus. We believe that the man Jesus was born of a virgin and is the Son of God, that He lived a fully obedient life and gave His life as a substitute on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins so that we could be forgiven, declared righteous in Him and live forever with Him in a new heaven and a new earth. We believe He rose from the dead and reigns now and will come again in victory.

We are Confessional. We also hold to a statement of beliefs called the Westminster Confession of Faith. It is secondary to the Bible but helpfully sets out in ordered form what we believe the Bible teaches on important doctrines. Elders and pastors vow commitment to that confession at their ordination.

We are Presbyterian. This relates particularly to our form of government. Local church is led by elders who conform to biblical standards for leadership and are elected by the congregation who desire their spiritual care and oversight. Elders from a number of local churches also serve in regional bodies called Presbytery, which also provides wider wisdom and help to the local congregations. The Church leadership also meets once a year in a national assembly to consult on matters of importance to the whole church.

We are Reformed. Our doctrinal standards reflect something of the theology of the Reformation in Europe and Great Britain which revived a number of key biblical commitments: Scripture alone, salvation through faith alone, by grace alone, through Christ alone for the glory of God alone. The Reformed faith has a strong sense of the sovereignty of God over the world, its people and its history, and calls for us to submit to His sovereignty in our own lives. This we gladly do since we believe the biblical view is the only one that makes sense of reality.

We are Complementarian. We take seriously what the Bible teaches about the creation of men and women, that they equally bear the image and likeness of God and are equal in dignity and worth. We also believe the Bible teaches unique roles for men and women which are not about status but about finding fulfilment in serving God in the ways He has designed.

We are Covenantal. We believe that God in Christ makes a commitment to His people which the Bible calls a covenant. It expresses His abiding faithfulness to His promises and calls us also to our responsibility in the covenant arrangement to be obedient and faithful. In particular the Bible teaches that God makes a commitment to Christian families which give great spiritual privileges to the children and remind them that they have great responsibility to walk in the faith of their parents which is their spiritual inheritance, and that to rebel brings greater judgement. We believe that children should receive the blessing of baptism because of the position they have before God.

***User warning:** It's a little risky to state right up front what we believe. Such things can be open to misunderstanding or simply viewed as arrogant. Nevertheless not stating them is just as problematical since it leaves people in the dark about what we are committed to. And the bottom line is that for the church to be the church it is significantly committed to something. That being said, please recognise that these are simple statements for ease of reading. They cannot answer all the questions they may create. Those discussions are left to other opportunities – like visiting with us to hear more or by contacting Peter our pastor to discuss them.*



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