



Welcome to Online Worship

SUNDAY 21st OF NOVEMBER 2021

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian
Church of New Zealand



Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

Call to Worship Lamentations 3:22-24¹

²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

Prayer of adoration and approach

Song of Adoration² & Praise *I Stand Amazed*

Words: Charles H. Gabriel, in *Praises*, by Edwin O. Excell (Chicago, Illinois: 1905)

I stand amazed in the presence

Of Jesus the Nazarene,

And wonder how He could love me,

A sinner, condemned, unclean.

How marvelous! How wonderful!

And my song shall ever be:

How marvelous! How wonderful!

Is my Savior's love for me!

He took my sins and my sorrows,

He made them His very own;

He bore the burden to Calvary,

And suffered and died alone.

How marvelous! How wonderful!

And my song shall ever be:

How marvelous! How wonderful!

Is my Savior's love for me!

When with the ransomed in glory

His face I at last shall see,

'Twill be my joy through the ages

To sing of His love for me.

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.

*How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!*

Time of Confession and Repentance Romans 3:22-25

²² ...For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Corporate Assurance of Grace Psalms 103:8-14

⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
¹⁴ For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.

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 unmute your mic to 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: Numbers 21:4-9; John 12:20-33

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.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word *Still*

Hide me now

Under Your wings

Cover me

Within Your mighty hand

*When the oceans rise and thunders roar
I will soar with You above the storm
Father, You are King over the flood
I will be still, know You are God*

Find rest my soul

In Christ alone

Know His power

In quietness and trust

*When the oceans rise and thunders roar
I will soar with You above the storm
Father, You are King over the flood
I will be still, know You are God*

[Interlude]

Find rest my soul

In Christ alone

Know His pow'r

In quietness and trust

*When the oceans rise and thunders roar
I will soar with You above the storm
Father, You are King over the flood
I will be still, know You are God
I will be still, know you are God!*

Message: *John 12:20-33* “When Jesus is lifted up”

INTRODUCTION

I. THE CENTRALITY OF THE CROSS

II. THE COMPREHENSIVE VICTORY OF THE CROSS

A. Defeat Of The Devil

B. Defeat In The Drawing Of All

III. THE CERTAINTY OF THE CROSS

IV. THE COMMISSION OF THE CROSS

V. THE CALL OF THE CROSS

A. Lift Up Christ - In Our Lives

B. Lift Up Christ - In Our Church

C. Lift Up Christ - In Our Relationships

CONCLUSION

Closing Song *Turn Your Eyes*

by Sovereign Grace Music

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Turn your eyes to the hillside
Where justice and mercy embraced
There the Son of God gave His life for us
And our measureless debt was erased

*Jesus, to You we lift our eyes
Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You*

Turn your eyes to the morning
And see Christ the Lion awake
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone
For we carry His life in our veins

*Jesus, to You we lift our eyes
Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You*

Turn your eyes to the heavens
Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout,
'All glory to Jesus alone!'

*Jesus, to You we lift our eyes
Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You*

*Jesus, to You we lift our eyes
Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You*

BENEDICTION³

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading John 12:20-33

1. What does Jesus mean when He refers to Himself as being “lifted up” (verse 32)? See also Numbers 21:4-9. How is Jesus both similar and superior to the bronze snake?
2. How is this instrument of shame so victorious? In verses 31 and 32 what are the two parts to the victory? How does that encourage you?
3. How are we encouraged by the absolute certainty of Jesus’ use of the words “will draw” in verse 32?
4. What does the lifting up of Christ call His Church to? And what are the encouragements and assurances we are given here?
5. Think about how we are called to lift up Christ also. What does that look like and what might we see? -
 - a. In our own lives, see also verses 24-26,
 - b. In our church community, and,
 - c. In our relationships?

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.

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

Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

When 1st Sunday of the month, next: 5th of December

Special Congregational Meeting

As the timing of when we can actually worship in a building is uncertain, the elders have felt that we should now have this meeting over Zoom even if it is not ideal. So it is planned for straight after worship **today**, do plan to stay online for that.

Sunday Picnic – Today

Now that we can meet up outdoors in groups of 25 we can picnic after Church today. For those who are able let's plan to meet at Long Bay, somewhere between the playground and the second car park from 12:30.

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.
When 7:00 pm, 8th of Dec (monthly 2nd Wednesday)
Contact Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 24th of November (4th Wed of the month), **this week online**
Where Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Lady's - Coffee, Catch up and Conversation

Watch this spot for ongoing arrangements.

Session News

Dear Church family, thank you for praying for your Elders here at Shore Pres and the Presbytery (Elders of regional Grace Presbyterian Churches) as they met last Wednesday evening to discuss the way forward in coming days. Presbytery approved the following resolutions to help guide congregations in decision making.

1. Presbytery acknowledges the difficulties the Covid Protection Framework [traffic light system] places on churches and encourages working within the government's currently proposed Covid Protection Framework, whilst ensuring that Gospel ministry is available to all.
2. Before a church undertakes an action of material civil disobedience in regard to the Covid Protection Framework, they need to first confer with Presbytery.
3. We emphasize our essential unity in Christ the Head of the church and commit ourselves to working together in promoting the Gospel.

How this can all be applied for Shore Pres depends somewhat on what may be required by the school for use of the hall, and we are still exploring that. Our goal is to provide ministry to all while both respecting personal conscience choices and being very careful toward those among us whose health is vulnerable.

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 Miriam Burden 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 Miriam Burden (imaburden2@gmail.com).

We will report back soon with a plan for how to gather for worship, bearing in mind that government approaches continue to change and adapt so that plans we establish now may only be interim measures.

We encourage you as you dialogue about these things to do so with thoughtfulness and grace, bearing in mind the glory of God and the good of others. We need to remember that Christ is on the throne, He is not in lockdown, His work is not constrained, indeed He may be calling His church to new ways and contexts for being and serving. Remember that the circumstances of the early church were very different to what we have assumed and experienced as normal and yet the cause of Christ flourished mightily.

Please do feel free to connect with Peter or Paul over these matters.



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