



## **Welcome to Worship**

**SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH 2022**

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian  
Church of New Zealand





# Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

## Call to Worship Isaiah 55:1-3a<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> "Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live ...

## Prayer of adoration, confession and approach

### Song of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise *Before the Throne*

Authors: Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook.

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great high priest whose name is "Love,"  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands,  
My name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heav'n he stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.  
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When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see him there  
Who made an end to all my sin.

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

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

Because the sinless Saviour died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the just, is satisfied  
To look on him and pardon me.  
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Behold him there! the risen Lamb,  
My perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased by his blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Saviour and my God  
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### **Corporate Profession of Faith** Psalm 40:1-5

**Leader** I waited patiently for the LORD;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**People** He drew me up from the pit of destruction,  
out of the miry bog,

**Leader** and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.

**People** He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.

**Leader** Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the LORD.

**People** Blessed is the man who makes  
the LORD his trust,

**Leader** who does not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after a lie!

**All** ***You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
none can compare with you!  
I will proclaim and tell of them,  
yet they are more than can be told.***

## **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.

## **Scripture Reading Acts 14**

### **Song of preparation for hearing God's Word** *By Faith*

Authors: Kieth and Kristin Getty

By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our souls' reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go  
In the power of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In every corner of the earth

*We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our souls' reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith this mountain shall be moved  
And the power of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name

*We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our souls' reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

## **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 (p8) for further information about the offering.

## **Message Acts 14 “Post-Everything Good News”**

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **I. POST-EVERTHING EVANGELISM**

#### **II. A WISE GOSPEL, verses 15-17**

##### **a. The Personal Horror at Blasphemy**

##### **b. Turning as Good News**

##### **c. To the Living God**

**d. The Living God who is Good**

**e. Who is therefore Our Good**

### **III. A GOSPEL FOR TODAY**

**a. For a Lost and Broken World**

**b. People will still Hear and be Saved**

**c. It still needs us**

### **IV. CONCLUSION The Affirming Miracle of Grace**

#### **Closing Song This Is My Father's World**

Author: Maltbie Babcock

This is my Father's world,  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres  
This is my Father's world  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,  
The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker's praise  
This is my Father's world  
He shines in all that's fair  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass  
He speaks to me everywhere

This is my Father's world.  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet  
This is my Father's world  
The battle is not done  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied  
And earth and heav'n be one.

## **BENEDICTION<sup>3</sup>**

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<sup>3</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.

### ***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](mailto:petethepastor@shorepres.org.nz)) or with our Church Treasurer Miriam Burden ([imaburden2@gmail.com](mailto:imaburden2@gmail.com)).



## Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

**Scripture Reading** Acts 14 (especially verses 8-18)

1. How does the culture of the people at Lystra compare to contemporary Western culture or for that matter much of the world? Do you find yourself complaining that it is not what it used to be, or can we find a way from Paul's example to be fruitful Gospel servants? Discuss why the world still needs us to tell the Good News and why we are confident it will still be heard.
2. How does Paul and Barnabas' horror in verses 14-15a show that they had experienced transforming grace? How is the desire for God to be honoured a motivation for world evangelism?
3. Why is the call to turn from vanity to the living God good news? Look at Isaiah 55:1-3a, how do we find ourselves needing to hear the call to turn from that which is not life to that which truly is?
4. What in nature testifies not only to God's existence but also to His goodness or kindness? Do we need to see that more and be led to more worship and more true life?
5. How does the evidence of God's kindness in creation lead to the necessity of His ultimate act of kindness? And how does that help us think about conversations with non-Christian friends?
6. Think about how the miracle at Lystra was sent by God to affirm the message and the messengers. What would be the miracles of grace in our lives that show we have something worth hearing? How can we experience them more deeply?

## 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** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, next: 3<sup>rd</sup> of April

### Men's Ministry

**What** Men...encouraging men...reaching men (young & not so young)  
**When** From 6:00 pm, 13<sup>th</sup> of April (monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)  
**Where** TBA  
**Contact** Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

### Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 23<sup>rd</sup> of March (4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month)  
**Where** Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

### Meeting at Graceway Baptist Church

1. The service will still be zoomed live for those who cannot come or who do not feel ready yet in the current situation to meet up.
2. Again the building has a number of rooms – there will be up to 25 plus staff in the auditorium and again up to 25 in the other room which is connected by a passageway. Both rooms have separate entrances which can be accessed from the carpark.
3. Neither room requires a vaccine pass.
4. The toilets are accessed from each room via a separate door and are outside the buildings but have a covered walkway.

**5. *Suggested protocols for us to observe:***

- a. Please stay home if you are sick or are meant to be in isolation.
- b. Please either scan in using the app and the Shore Pres QR Code Posters, or, write your details on the sheet available in both rooms.
- c. There will be hand sanitizer in both rooms.
- d. We encourage people to observe sensible distances from one another.
- e. Even though we love to embrace each other in Christian love we suggest that for the meantime we avoid hugs and handshakes.
- f. Face masks are optional, please feel free to do what you feel most comfortable with, no one has any judgement on this.
- g. Lastly, after the worship service, people should not cross over rooms to mingle but can go through the separate exit doors toward the toilets where there is plenty of open space and covered walkways for people to connect safely.



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