



## Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY,  
18<sup>th</sup> of June, 2023

The Lord's Day

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.

**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.**

## ***A Note about Children in Worship***

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." (Mt. 19:14). It might be a bit uncommon for children to be in worship for the duration of the service in the broader church today, but we are glad for them to be present. There is little of greater importance than learning to worship our God. Our children learn to worship, not by being absent from worship, but by being in worship. It could be stretching or uncomfortable at times for the congregation, or especially parents of squirming children. But we want to keep the big picture in view, and as a congregation, support and pray for God's Word to take deep root in the hearts of our children, and by His Spirit, produce fruit for His glory. We do not want to merely tolerate them, or merely keep our children quiet, but help them see and savour Jesus Christ.

## **Call to Worship**      *1 Corinthians 1:30-31 & Psalm 13:5-6 (Responsive)*

*Leader:* God is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

*Response:* My heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

## **Prayer of Invocation<sup>1</sup>**

### **Songs of Adoration and Praise**

#### *I Cannot Tell*

*Author: W.Y. Fullerton*

I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,  
should set his love upon the sons of men,  
or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,  
to bring them back, they know not how or when.  
But this I know, that he was born of Mary  
when Beth'lem's manger was his only home,  
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,  
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered,  
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,  
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,  
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.  
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted  
and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear  
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden;  
for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.

I cannot tell how he will win the nations,  
how he will claim his earthly heritage,  
how satisfy the needs and aspirations  
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.  
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,

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<sup>1</sup> An invocation is simply a prayer that calls upon God's presence, assistance, and blessing during worship.

and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,  
and some glad day his sun will shine in splendour  
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,  
when at his bidding every storm is stilled,  
or who can say how great the jubilation  
when every heart with love and joy is filled.  
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,  
and myriad myriad human voices sing,  
and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer,  
'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

### ***Holy, Holy, Holy***

*Author: Reginald Heber*

Holy, Holy, Holy  
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!  
Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky and sea.  
Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

### **Confession of Sin                      *Romans 7:23-24***

But I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind  
and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. What  
wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

## **Assurance of Grace**      *Romans 7:25a & Colossians 1:13-14*

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## **Prayers of Thanksgiving, For our Children, and Dedication of Offering** <sup>2</sup>

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, which is why there is box by the door. Please see endnote for further information about the offering.

## **Confession of Faith**      *Westminster Shorter Catechism 90*

Q. How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?

A. That the Word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend to it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

## **Scripture Reading**      *Dt. 18:15-22 (Church Bible p.161)*

## **Song of Adoration and Praise**

### *This is My Father's World*

*Author: Maltbie B. 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.

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### **2 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 an elder or with our Church Treasurer Miriam Burden ([imaburden2@gmail.com](mailto:imaburden2@gmail.com)).

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:  
Why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!  
God reigns; let earth be glad!

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.

### **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**    *John 5:19-47*    (*Church Bible p.890*)

### **Prayer of Illumination**

**Message**      John 5:19-47      *“The Most Glorious Truth – Part 2”*

*Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions*

**Big Idea** -- We are found guilty because of unbelief and we lack love for God. God alone saves, giving life by pouring His love into our hearts.

Jesus is proved to be God because:

- He is like his Father.
  
- He judges and gives life.
  
- He has multiple witnesses.
  - John the Baptist
  - His own works
  - The Father
  - The Scriptures

**Song of Response**

*All Glory be to Christ*

*Authors: Dustin Kensure*

Should nothing of our efforts stand  
No legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house  
In vain its builders strive

To you who boast tomorrow's gain  
Tell me, what is your life?  
A mist that vanishes at dawn  
All glory be to Christ!

*All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, All glory be to Christ!*

His will be done, His kingdom come  
On earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread  
Praise Him, the Lord of love

Let living water satisfy  
The thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet  
All glory be to Christ

*All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, All glory be to Christ!*

When on the day the great I Am  
The faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain  
Is making all things new

Behold our God shall live with us  
And be our steadfast light  
And we shall e'er his people be  
All glory be to Christ!

*All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, All glory be to Christ!*

### **BENEDICTION<sup>3</sup>**                      *2 Thessalonians 3:5*

May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

## **Encouragement Group Discussion Questions**

### **Scripture Reading**      *John 5:19-47*

1. How is Jesus like the Father?
2. What are the witnesses to Jesus divine identity in the passage? Is there one that stands out to you? Why?
3. How did Moses write of Jesus?
4. Do you think it is accurate that either love of God, or love of self is ultimate for all people? Why or why not?
5. Can you honestly say you love God? Why or why not? If you love God, when and how did you begin to love him?

## **NOTICES**

### **Encouragement Groups**

#### **Glenfield**

**When**      Every Tuesday, 7:30–9:00 pm  
**Where**      **Check with the contact person!**  
**Contact**    Tom Wilson 027 785 1332

<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.



**Torbay/Browns Bay**

**When** Every Thursday, 7:00-9:00 pm,  
**Where** Check with the contact person!  
**Contact** Paul Burton 473 0086 or 021 253 0980

**Lord’s Supper and Fellowship Meal**

**When:** first Sunday of every month; next—2<sup>nd</sup> of July

**Prayer Mtg – Sundays, Fortnightly; next 25<sup>th</sup> June**

Our regular prayer time is now fortnightly on Sundays at the Goodenoughs home in Torbay. Please ask Paul or Ingrid, or Pastor Russell, if you need the address. The next three will be 25<sup>th</sup> of June, 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of July.

**Church Fellowship Event – World Cup, USA vs. Vietnam, Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 1:00**

The Women’s World Cup is coming to Auckland! We are organising a church fellowship opportunity to go to a game together at Eden Park. Tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$7.50 for youth (2-16 yrs). **If you would like to go, please inform Carl Paddick, no later than today**, and please specify how many adult and youth tickets you would like. Carl’s email is [cdpfitness@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cdpfitness@yahoo.co.uk) (The seats should be on one of the corners; they are cheaper tickets, but not the cheapest.) This is a great opportunity to invite non-believing friends along.

**New Members Class**

We will have a new members class soon. If you are interested in becoming a member at Shore Pres, please contact pastor Russell today. ([russellshorepres@gmail.com](mailto:russellshorepres@gmail.com))

**Serving Roster for next Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of June**

SHORE KID’S LEADER	CRECHE	KITCHEN & SHARED DINNER	OPEN UP & FIRE WARDEN	HALL SET-UP	HALL TAKE DOWN & CLEAN UP	SUPERVISE PLAY GROUND
TBA	Volunteer	Santos Family	Dennis	Dennis & Santos Family	Same & Volunteers	N/A

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

**We want 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 want 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 want 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 want 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 Russell our pastor to discuss them.*



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