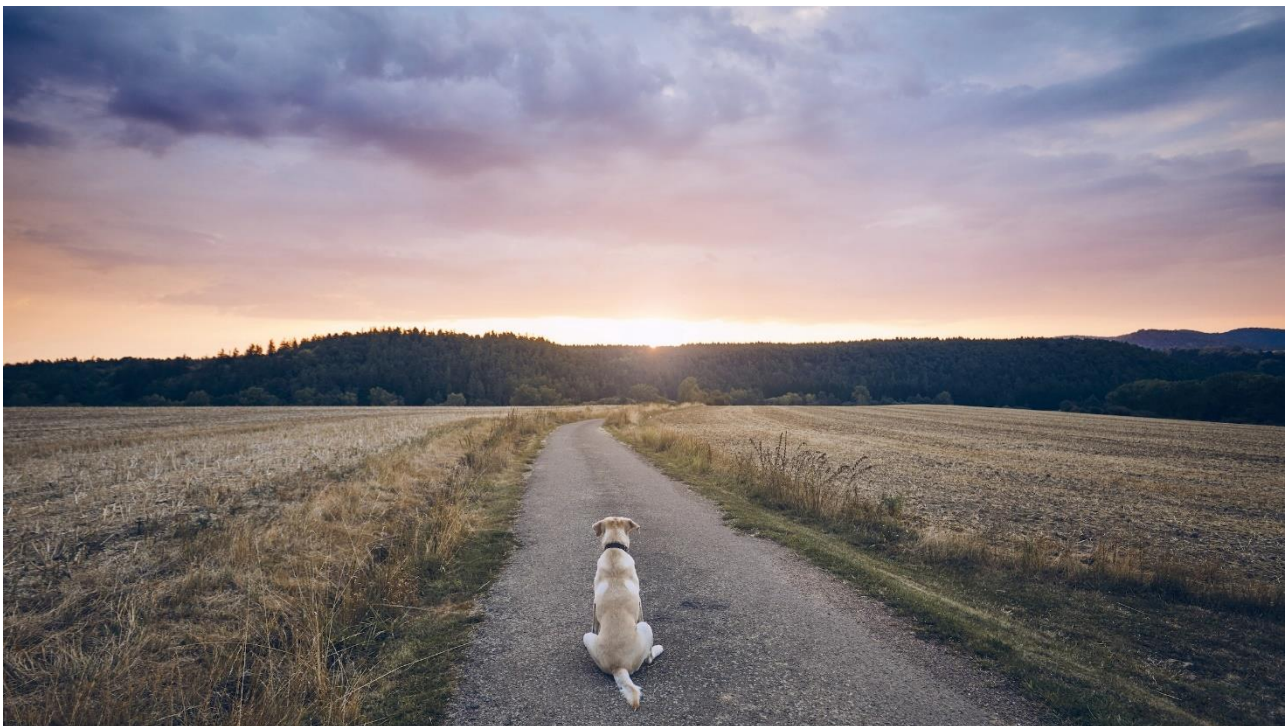




the
village
presbyterian church

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday 11 September 2022



Conducting Worship today: Revs Dan Spragg & Anne Stewart

Leading our music: Murray Compton

Welcome to our service today. If you are visiting with us, we would be grateful if you would make yourself known to someone so that they can assist if you have any queries. You are very welcome to linger after the service for a chat.

1st September - 4th October, The season of Creation

Music as we gather

Welcome & Candle lighting

Words to focus our Worship *inspired by Psalm 14*

The foolish say, 'there is no God.'

***We come, trusting in Jesus,
the face, the voice, the presence of the God who loves us.***

The scoffers of our age ask, 'why do you seek after God?'

***We come, in this time,
because God's grace has spilled over in our lives.***

The hopeless around us think, 'no one cares about me.'

***We come, in this time, to this place,
because Jesus has found us and brought us home.***

We sing: *Here in this place*

Here in this place the new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in – the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in – the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young – our lives are a mystery,
We are the old – who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in – the rich and the haughty,
gather us in – the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place, the new light is shining;
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in – and hold us forever,
Gather us in – and make us your own.
Gather us in – all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Prayers on the Way

We sing: *In this familiar place*

In this familiar place I know the mystery of your grace.
*For the love that I receive, for the truth that I believe,
I praise and thank you for this here and now.*

In halting song and word the music of your voice is heard.
For the love ...

Among these friends of mine I taste the company divine.
For the love ...

Within this narrow sphere I learn that you are everywhere.
For the love ...

Village Kids

Sharing & Notices

*we share our goings on, pray for our young people
and hear another 'story from The Village'*

Prayer for Illumination and

Bible Readings: *read by Anne Slaughter and Catherine McKellar*

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gratitude for Mercy

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Luke 15:1-10

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So, he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.'

The Parable of the Lost Coin

'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

Reflection

(followed by some music for contemplation)

We sing: *Love is the touch*

Love is the touch of intangible joy;
love is the force that no fear can destroy;
love is the goodness we gladly applaud:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the lilt in a lingering voice;
love is the hope that can make us rejoice;
love is the cure for the frightened and flawed:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the light in the tunnel of pain;
love is the will to be whole once again;
love is the trust of a friend on the road:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son;
love is the kingdom their will has begun;
love is the path which the saints all have trod:
God is where love is, for love is of God.

Offering and Prayer

Prayers for the Road

We sing: *Lord, Your Almighty Word*

Lord, your almighty word chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight:
hear us we humbly pray, and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.

Saviour, who came to give those who in darkness live,
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind.
O now to humankind let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love, life-giving holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the waters' face, bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place let there be light.

Holy and blessed three glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might,
boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide, let there be light.

John Marriott

Blessing & we sing: *Go gently, go lightly*

Go gently, go lightly, go safe in the spirit,
live simply, don't carry much more than you need:
go trusting God's goodness, go spreading God's kindness,
Stay centred on Jesus and where he will lead.

Go singing, go bringing the gifts of the Spirit,
go hopefully searching for things that are true:
in living, in loving, whatever befalls you,
God keep you, God bless you in all that you do.

Shirley Erena Murray

Music to guide us out

TODAY - The Hope Seminar on Creation Care Sunday 11 September, 3.00-5.30pm at Papanui Baptist Church, 144 Sawyers Arms Rd, Christchurch.

A warm welcome to anyone interested in faith and the environment. A Rocha Christchurch is inviting Christians from all churches to an afternoon of fun and inspiration. The theme is "We are connected." Input, conversation, worship, and practical stuff you can do to care for God's creation. Children welcome.

Register [at](https://www.ecochurch.org.nz/events)

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Cost is \$15 for waged. Free for unwaged, seniors, youth & children. Includes afternoon tea. More information about A Rocha at <https://arocha.org.nz>

Suffrage Day Celebration in the City

– **tomorrow** - Monday 19 September 12-1pm at the Kate Sheppard Memorial – 159 Oxford Terrace. Celebrating Suffrage Day – remembering the efforts of women and men to achieve votes for women and think about its relevance in 2022. Free event, all are welcome. Please bring a flower, a white camellia if possible. Keynote speaker: Hon. Lianne Dalziel (Mayor of Christchurch).

Hosted by the National Council of Women Christchurch branch president, Rosemary Du Plessis, joined by our own Helen Osborne (Property Lead of Te Whare Waiutuutu Kate Sheppard House), Clare Piper (Women in Urbanism Aotearoa), Madison Dobie (Lawyer, Kensington Swan), Asayal Almutairi (Youth leader) and other community speakers.

Burnside Primary donations: Thank you to everyone that has been donating items for the school. We are in need of canned fruit, canned vegetables (Not tomatoes) and pasta sauce. We also need laundry detergent, dish scrubbies, jif/ajax, all-purpose cleaner, deodorant and toothbrushes. Thanks again!

Village Market request: the reserve of items for sale at our monthly markets has dwindled – we need your help! If you have household items, furniture, books etc in good condition suitable for sale at the market, and would be willing to donate them, we would love to receive them. Pick-up can be arranged if needed, or you can drop things off to either office during open hours. It would be great too to have some new faces – so come along yourself, encourage your neighbours, family and friends (and if they have items they are happy to donate we would love to help them have a 'spring clear out').

A farewell for Anne as she moves on to the next chapter is being planned for Sunday, **September 18th**.

We will celebrate Anne's time with us following the morning service hearing from a few people and concluding with a potluck finger food lunch.

Tech assist: If you are having difficulty, or just want to make sure you're doing it fine, with regards to **connecting to the livestream**. Liam is happy to answer any questions or come and help you with connecting your device. You can get hold of Liam on 03 351 9187, 021 231 2927 or liamjboardman@gmail.com

Roster Reminder for September 18th

Set-up – Donald and Catherine.

Welcoming – Denis and Estelle, Nancy.

Reading – Ruth and Bruce.

Counting – Christine A, Bruce.

Technician – Donald.

Morning Tea – Judith, Andrew, Keren.

Bryndwr grounds – Liam.

| Sep | Time | Event | Venue |
|------------|-------------|--|--------------|
| Sun 11 | 10.00am | Worship Service | Bryndwr |
| | 10.00am | Worship Service | Redwood |
| | 11.00am | Book Stall | Bryndwr |
| Mon 12 | 9.30am | Music Moments | Papanui |
| | 10.00am | Pre-School Music | Bryndwr |
| | 10.30am | Painting Group | Papanui |
| | 1.30am | Saygo | Papanui |
| | 1.30pm | Bible Study and Prayer Group | Redwood |
| | 7.00pm | Indoor Bowls | Bryndwr |
| Tue 13 | 10.00am | Fly-Bys | Bryndwr |
| | 10.30am | Creative Nest | Papanui |
| | 12.00pm | Friendly Circle Lunch (<i>ph for info & to rsvp</i>) | 355 8249 |
| | 7.30pm | Parish Council | Papanui |
| Wed 14 | 9.45am | Badminton | Papanui |
| | 10.00am | Pre-School Music | Bryndwr |
| | 2.00pm | StaRR monthly afternoon tea | Papanui |
| Thur 15 | 11.30am | Midweek Worship Service followed by lunch | Papanui |
| | 6.00pm | Youth Group | Bryndwr |
| Fri 16 | 1.15pm | Indoor Bowls | Papanui |
| Sat 17 | 9.30am | Clothing Shop | Bryndwr |
| Sun 18 | 10.00am | Worship Service | Bryndwr |
| | 10.00am | Worship Service | Redwood |
| | 6.00pm | Table Talk | Papanui |

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| Papanui Office | 460 Papanui Rd (<i>cnr Papanui Rd & Frank St</i>) Hours: M/T/T/F 9.30am-12pm Phone: 352 6197 Email: tracey@villagechurch.nz |
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