

St Paul's Presbyterian Church

'Partners in God's Mission of Love'
'We celebrate life in Christ. Join us on the journey'



10:00 am Service led by Rev Anne Thomson
Music led by Pam Clare

Fourth Sunday of Easter, 30th April, 2023

Welcome and notices

Call to Worship:

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. May God be with you:

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

The Lord is our Shepherd who calls us by name

We rejoice in the one who cares for us

Whether we dwell in green pastures or deepest darkness

The great Shepherd of our souls is with us.

God's goodness and mercy follow us all our days

We come to worship in God's house.

***Hymn: Jesus calls us here to meet him**

(Tune: Lewis Folk Melody – CH4 510)

Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where God's people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps the promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;

praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of life and Lord of all,
sharer of our flesh and frailty,
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other -
found in him are no divides.
Creed and colour, class and gender:
such are barriers he derides.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.

We pray:

We share the peace of Christ

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Karaiti kia koutou: the peace of Christ be with
you:

And also with you. *We share a sign of peace with those near us.*

***Hymn:** **The Lord's my shepherd,** (*Tune: Kilmarnock*)

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green: he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make

within the paths of righteousness,
even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill:
for thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

First reading: Acts 2: 42-47

Gospel reading: John 10: 1-10

Sermon

****Hymn:*** Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

(Tune: Kelvingrove – CH4 533)

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,

will you let my name be known,

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare

should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.

Thus, I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

We bring our offering:

We pray for others and ourselves:

Closing responses

Coming and going

God watches over us

Resting and traveling

God watches over us

Through good and through evil

God watches over us

All the days of our lives

God safeguards us with love

***Hymn: Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;**

(Tune: Slane)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, thou my true Word;
I ever with thee, thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father: thine own I would be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower:
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou, and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Benediction:

***Sung blessing:* Now as we go**

Now as we go, kind Spirit keep us,
in all we see, Christ be our focus,
in all we do, his story shape us,
that we may grow to God's good purpose.

Now as we go, sister and brother,
give us good care one of the other,
more hope to share, more strength to gather,
more life to know in faith together.

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Helping Today

Greeters: Anne Loan & Marian Eagle

Offering: Liz Willis

Bible Reader: Michael Hamilton

Music: Pam Clare

Flowers: Eleanor Holmes & Yvonne Dickson

Grounds: Lynne & Murray Arnold

Helping next week Sunday 7th May 2023

Greeters: Penny Marshall & Jill McConnochie

Offering: Janice Tucker

Bible Reader: Anne Loan

Music: Dorothy Finlayson

Flowers: Pam Clare

Grounds: Paul Hentschel

Prayer Focus: Let us pray for: -

- * Ministry among us: **Parish Council**
- * Partners in God's Mission of Love: **Hospital Chaplaincy**
- * Partners in the Napier Inner City: **All churches serving our city**
- * Parishes in our Presbytery: **St David's Kaiti**

Cyclone Gabrielle relief collection

Today is the final day for donations for Cyclone relief via the church. Thank you to all those who have given so generously.

Thanks to Anne Thomson

Thank you to Anne and Ian for being with us for the past four weeks. I am sure everyone has enjoyed and been challenged by the message Anne has delivered each Sunday. We wish them well as they travel north, firstly to Auckland then overseas. We pray God's blessings on them as they travel.

Retiring Offering

The retiring offering for the Save the Children will be collected today.

Thanks from the Catering Team

Thank you to all the people who rallied around and assisted with the catering for Owen Brown's funeral on Thursday 20th April. Owen's family really appreciated your support and all the people who helped to put on a wonderful reception after the service.

Combined Pentecost Service.

A Combined Presbyterian Church Service will be held at **St Columba's, Havelock North, on May 28th @ 4.00pm** to celebrate Pentecost. All are invited. It was great to worship together at St Andrew's a few weeks ago so this is another opportunity to reconnect.

June Newsletter contributions

We will be starting to put together the next newsletter. Please forward any items or contributions to Bridget in the office stpaulsnapier@gmail.com or Pam pamclare@xtra.co.nz by Monday 22nd May at the latest. Many thanks.

Message from Napier Food Bank/Nourished for Nil

“Churches across Napier have donated a little over 3,000kg of food since Nourished for Nil merged with Napier Food bank last year. I just want to say a HUGE thank you to all of you that bring in items. It really makes a big difference and we do appreciate your continued support. (And yes, we weigh everything that comes into the depot, so that is an accurate measure, not just a guess!) Take care and thank you. Jane”

Bible Readings for Monday 1st May to Saturday 6th May 2023

Monday, May 1, 2023:

Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:17-23; 1 Peter 5:1-5

Tuesday, May 2, 2023:

Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:23-31; Hebrews 13:20-21

Wednesday, May 3, 2023:

Psalm 100; Jeremiah 23:1-8; Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, May 4, 2023:

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Genesis 12:1-3; Acts 6:8-15

Friday, May 5, 2023:

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Exodus 3:1-12; Acts 7:1-16

Saturday, May 6, 2023:

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Jeremiah 26:20-24; John 8:48-59