

St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Napier.

'Partners in God's Mission of Love'

'We celebrate life in Christ. Join us on the journey'

Sunday 28th April, 2024

10am service *led by Rev Craig Kilgour*

Music led by Pam Clare

*It is delightful that you are here as we worship God together this morning. Please join in reading the **words in bold italic type** if you would like to.*

*Where you see a * please stand if you are able.*

Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa lava, Anyoung haseyo, Malo elelei,

Ni hao, Ohayo gozaimasu, Fakaalofa atu!

Nau mai, haere mai, welcome!

***Call to Worship:**

***Hymn:** **Lord of all being** (WOV626)

Lord of all being, throned afar,
thy glory flames from sun and star;
centre and soul of every sphere,
yet to each loving heart how near!

Sun of our life, thy quickening ray
sheds on our path the glow of day;
Star of our hope, thy softened light
cheers the long watches of the night.

Our midnight is thy smile withdrawn,
our noontide is thy gracious dawn,

our rainbow arch thy mercy's sign;
all, save the clouds of sin, are thine.

Lord of all life, below, above,
whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,
before thy ever-blazing throne
we ask no lustre of our own.

Grant us thy truth to make us free,
and kindling hearts that burn for thee,
till all thy living altars claim
one holy light, one heavenly flame.

Prayer of Approach and Confession:

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

***Hymn:** Dear Lord and Father of mankind
(WOV519)

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,

O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-13

Reflection: *“The Good Life” – Craig Kilgour*

***Hymn:** Jesus stand among us (WOV 637)

Jesus, stand among us
At the meeting of our lives;
Be our sweet agreement
At the meeting of our eyes.
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

As to You we gather
From so many different lands;

Christ the life between us
In the joining of our hands.
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;
Join our hearts in unity and take away all fear.

Intercession *followed by the Lord's Prayer*

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil,
for the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
Now and forever. AMEN.***

Offering and Dedication:

***Hymn: Let there be light (WOV 671)**

1. Let there be light,
let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather,
let them be face to face.

2. Open our lips,
open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord
opening into grace.

3. Perish the sword,
perish the angry judgment,
perish the bombs and hunger,
perish the fight for gain.

4. Hallow our love,
hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom,
hallowed be your name.

5. Your kingdom come,
your Spirit turn to language,
your people speak together,
your Spirit never fade.

6. Let there be light,
open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror,
hallow the world God made.

Benediction:

Sung Blessing: Now Unto Him

Now unto Him who is able to keep,
Able to keep you from falling,
And present you faultless before the presence of His glory
With exceeding joy.
To the only wise God our Saviour
Be glory and majesty,
Dominion and power, both now and forever,
AMEN.

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Helping Today

Greeters: Christine Woodward & Rika Hentschel

Offering: Liz Willis

Bible Reader: Michael Hamilton

Music: Pam Clare

Flowers: Eleanor Holmes & Yvonne Dickson

Grounds: Murray & Lynne Arnold

Helping next week 5th May 2024

Greeters: Anne Loan & Marian Eagle

Offering: Janice Tucker

Bible Readers: Richard Loan

Music: Dorothy Finlayson

Flowers: Pam Clare

Grounds: Paul Hentschel

Retiring Offering Collection today

A retiring offering for Save the Children and World Vision will be taken up today. *Marion Fell, Coordinator.*

Prayer Focus:

Let us pray for: -

- * Ministry among us: **Parish Council**
- * Partners in God's Mission of Love: **PSEC**
- * Partners in the Napier Inner City: **Catholic Parish of Napier**
- * Parishes in our Presbytery: **Gisborne Presbyterian Parish**

Combined HB Pressies Pentecost Service

There will be a combined Hawke's Bay Pressies service on **Sunday 19th May at 4pm at St Columba's Havelock North.**

Thursday morning prayer time

We continue to meet together at **9.00am each Thursday morning** to pray for our church and for the wider church in Hawkes Bay. Please come and join with us whenever you can.

Nourished for Nil:

Thank you for your ongoing donations to Nourished for Nil. Any donations that you provide is appreciated, and we will leave it to your discretion.

We are always short of:

Sweet biscuits, jams, or any spreads, tin soups, treats, muesli bars, toothpaste.

Thanks Donna

Napier Branch

Bible Readings for Monday 29th April to Saturday 4th May 2024

Monday, April 29, 2024:

Psalm 80; Isaiah 5:1-7; Galatians 5:16-26

Tuesday, April 30, 2024:

Psalm 80; Isaiah 32:9-20; James 3:17-18

Wednesday, May 1, 2024:

Psalm 80; Isaiah 65:17-25; John 14:18-31

Thursday, May 2, 2024:

Psalm 98; Isaiah 49:5-6; Acts 10:1-34

Friday, May 3, 2024:

Psalm 98; Isaiah 42:5-9; Acts 10:34-43

Saturday, May 4, 2024:

Psalm 98; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; Mark 10:42-45