St Paul's Presbyterian Church online

'Partners in God's Mission of Love'

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

7th June 2020

Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa lava, Anyoung haseyo, Malo elelei, Ni hao, Ohayo gozaimasu, Fakaalofa atu! Nau mai, haere mai, welcome!

Worship prepared by the Worship Team

Pre-service music: Loving Spirit

Call to worship:

Lord God of heaven and earth, Creator of our world, and everything in it, yet as close to us as our own breath—holy is Your name. In You we live and move and have our being; we are Your own children, the work of Your hands. We pray that Your Holy Spirit would move among us as we worship, opening our eyes to Your presence, opening our ears to Your Word. Receive the worship of our hearts and minds and bodies; may it be a pleasing offering to You. We pray in the name of Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, in whose death and resurrection we find life. Amen.

Song: Here I am to Worship

Reading: Genesis 1: 1-2 & 4a

Reflection

Hymn: Glory be to God the Father

Prayer:

We worship the God who inhabits our world and dwells in our lives. We need not look up to find God, we need only to look around: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another. We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God, we need only listen to the music of life, the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat. We worship the God who inhabits our world and who dwells in our lives......followed by the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Father I Adore You

Reading: Psalm 8

Reflection:

Today is Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost, and celebrates the Holy Trinit – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. On this day Christians worship God and give thanks for everything the Trinity has done for us.

Hymn: Spirit of God in the clear running water

Spirit of God in the clear running water Blowing to greatness the trees on the hill. Spirit of God in the finger of morning: Fill the earth, bring it to birth, And blow where you will. Blow, blow, blow till I be But the breath of the Spirit blowing in me.

Down in the meadow the willows are moaning Sheep in the pastureland cannot lie still. Spirit of God, creation is groaning: Fill the earth, bring it to birth, And blow where you will. Blow, blow, blow till I be But the breath of the Spirit blowing in me.

I saw the scar of a year that lay dying Heard the lament of a lone whippoorwill. Spirit of God, see that cloud crying: Fill the earth, bring it to birth, And blow where you will. Blow, blow, blow till I be But the breath of the Spirit blowing in me.

Spirit of God every man's heart is lonely Watching and waiting and hungry until Spirit of God, man longs that you only Fulfill the earth, bring it to birth, And blow where you will. Blow, blow, blow till I be But the breath of the Spirit blowing in me.

Offering:

This week we are suggesting members may like to put aside a gift to go to the people of Vanuatu. For those who bank electronically it may be paid into the St Pauls account, but tagged Vanuatu. Or you may like to put it in an envelope to go in the offering bag when we come back to worshipping together.

Prayer:

Loving Father and Creator of all, we come to you today deeply grateful for your creation. As we look around us, we are amazed at the greatness and majesty of all that you have made. Nature around us speaks of your greatness – the vast expanse of the sky, the mountains, trees, lakes and streams speak of your great design. You have given us such beauty in the colour of the rainbow, the beauty of flowers and fields. Words cannot adequately express the magnificence of all you have created. We join in praise with the writer of the Psalms when he says, "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth." May we show our love and reverence to you, our Lord, by caring for all that you have created. We humbly give you praise and thanks. Amen.

Benediction:

You are the body of Christ. May you have the heart of Christ, tender for mercy. May you have the eyes of Christ to see a world in need. May you have the feet of Christ to bring good news. Go in peace! And God go with you.

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Hymn: Overwhelmed

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