



# Wesley Wellington

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**Sunday 18 July 2021**  
**Pentecost 8**

Kia ora koutou katoa—Talofa Lava  
Malo e lelei—Bula Vinaka  
Greetings to you all!

***Haere mai ki tēnei Whare Karakia***  
***Welcome to this House of Prayer***



We are a multi-racial Christian community:  
Methodist in affiliation - Ecumenical in intention  
Diverse in theology - Inclusive in outreach.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

**Officiating:** Nunia Ngauamo

**Organist:** Colin Scarf

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## WELCOME

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## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

A good reputation is better than much wealth. High esteem is more to be desired than silver and gold. For God vindicates the pure in heart and brings ruin to the twisted ways of slanderers and evildoers.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Everyone who thirsts for righteousness,

**All Come to the waters of life!**

Leader Everyone who is hungry for justice,

**All Come and be fed by the Spirit!**

Leader God has made with us an everlasting covenant,

**All God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader Come, worship God, who leads us into life;

**All Come, follow Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**

## HYMN: *Praise to the Lord*

WOV 28

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy heart's longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

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3. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again,  
Gladly for ay we adore Him.

*- Joachim Neander 1650-80, tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 and others*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader God who Made us and Longs for us, we confess that our own desires have led us astray.  
We have consumed more than we need and have found ourselves wanting.  
We see only what we lack, instead of all the blessings we have.  
We mistake blessings as possessions and wealth, rather than understanding the blessing of Your love, grace, justice, mercy, and peace in our lives.  
Forgive us for our misguided ways.  
Forgive us for our wrong definitions.  
Call us into the path of gentle correction, that we may strive to live out Your ways of love and justice, to mold our desires to be what You desire for the world, so we might love one another and become the Beloved Community on earth as it is in heaven.  
In the name of Jesus, we pray.

**All Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader God is our help, our strength, our refuge. The psalms declare we rest under the shadow and shelter of God's wings. There is nothing you can do that will take you away from God. There is no place you can go where God will not find you. You each are God's beloved child. Repent; turn back to God, and living into God's ways, knowing you are forgiven, loved, and restored.

**All Amen.**

## BIBLE READING

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*Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (printed from the New International Version)*

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.” So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

## CHILDREN’S TIME

Fiona

## REFLECTION

Nunia

## HYMN: *Amazing grace*

WOV 56

1.       Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
          That saved a wretch like me!  
          I once was lost, but now am found,  
          Was blind, but now I see.
2.       ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
          And grace my fears relieved;  
          How precious did that grace appear  
          The hour I first believed!
3.       Through many dangers, toils and snares  
          I have already come.  
          ’tis grace has brought me safe thus far  
          And grace will lead me home.

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4. The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

- John Newton (1725-1807)

## NOTICES

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## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven holy be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Do not put us to the test, but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**And the glory are yours now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

## OFFERING

*(We also acknowledge offerings made by automatic payment and online banking.)*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Leader We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

## HYMN: *It is well with my soul*

1. When peace, like a river,  
attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain It is well with my soul,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

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2.        Though Satan should buffet,  
            though trials should come,  
            let this blest assurance control,  
            that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
            and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

Refrain

3.        My sin, oh, the bliss  
            of this glorious thought!  
            My sin, not in part but the whole,  
            is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
            praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

4.        And, Lord, haste the day  
            when my faith shall be sight,  
            the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
            the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
            even so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

*- Horatio Gates Spafford 1828-88*

## **EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE**

Leader     As we extinguish the candle, let us remember that we are called  
                 to be Christ's light in the world.

## **COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

Leader     With those who are pure of heart,

**All            we go forth with the protection of God.**

Leader     With those who sow justice in the world,

**All            we go forth to reap a harvest of righteousness.**

Leader     With those who live their faith,

**All            we go forth to bring the kingdom here on earth.**

Leader     With those who know the vastness of God's love,

**All            we go forth to share this love with others.**

Leader     Go with God.

## **GRACE**

**All**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all.  
Amen.**

## **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

Thank you for joining us for today's service. Please join us in the New Hall for refreshments.  
Thank you to Akesa Taungā for preparing the flowers, and to the Tevita family for preparing the  
refreshments.