



26 November 2017

Welcoming the Stranger – Welcoming the Christ

“Thinking allowed; thinking aloud allowed”

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Preacher: Hope Pastor, Tanera Simpson
Musicians: Marie Cannon KK Clyde Foster Kaeo
Readers: Marie Cannon KK tba Kaeo

As we gather for worship we pray God's blessing over our buildings: thanks for the good that has happened through the week and cleansing for anything that is troublesome. In the coming week may the Spirit touch all who come into our church home.

Plugging in

Nau mai haere mai – welcome today to all and especially to the Hope Centre Kerikeri sharing worship with us today

Gathering with all the Saints

He hōnore....

Prayer

We are lost and wonder
if anyone cares, and you come,
Master of the Universe,
to bring us home to you.
Our thoughts chase themselves
around and around our minds,
and you weave them together
into words of hope for the lonely.

Too often, we find ourselves
parched in the deserts of temptation,
feasting on those scraps
found on worry's table,
and wonder why we still
hunger and thirst.
So you come to find us,
hope's Word-carrier,
so we might be filled
with grace and life.

You take our brokenness,
Spirit of our hearts,
and make us whole.
You scatter our anger and fears,
so we might be gathered
into communities of love.
You set our feet back
on those paths of grace
which will lead us back to you.

Blessing for the Children

Songs led by Hope Centre

Symbol of God's Presence

Hymn [KK] *Spirit of God, unseen as the wind* [Marie's choice]

Clarifying our Purpose

Conversation with the Word

Psalm 133

Na, anō te pai, anō te ahuareka
o te nohoanga o ngā teina,
o ngā tuakana i runga i te whakaaro kotahi!

¹How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.

³It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life for evermore.

This is our beginning picture for today – tuakana teina brothers and sisters in Christ, together as partners in the gospel.

Just a word about tuakana teina from me, before I hand over to Tanera. Tuakana is the older sibling, teina the younger. Here we are two congregations, one a bit more than a year old, with exciting new faith among its people, new discoveries everyday I am sure, the other, as a congregation tracing back through one side to 1940/1869 and many people with a lifetime of faith, many of those life times seven decades, eight decades, nine decades even.

In some ways that makes us tuakana, and a potential relationship with Hope Centre is our support, mentoring perhaps. But I'd like to take time this morning for us in the Union Church to be teina, to be the younger sibling, as we listen to fresh insights on the word. As we listen to the wisdom that comes from faith-filled hearts.

Partnership – Tanera Simpson – reflecting on Philippians 1:27 and other verses in Philippians

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel

“The Gospel and the Community of Believers are worth it”

Philippians 4:4-9

Song led by Hope Centre

Conversations around the Table

The World: Our Prayers

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore

O God of Life,
you have placed us on this earth to usher in
your Kingdom of love and compassion.

Forgive us when our social witness has failed to build bridges
of peace and understanding among all peoples.
Let there be growing spaces of understanding, tolerance and harmony
among the different ethnic and religious communities.

Grant that your church in this country, and around the world,
will deepen its influence to work for peace,
to be prophetic in calling for justice and caring
in sustaining a sharing fellowship with all people.

So rule our hearts and prosper our endeavours of good,
to the honour of your Holy name, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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...prayer book prayers...

Lord's Prayer

Love the World as God Loves

Serving in the Week Ahead

Offering Hymn *Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Dedication and Blessing

We may not be hungry, but there are those who are.

We may not be parched from thirst, but there are those who do.

We may not worry about health care, or have someone in prison, or have to wear clothes tossed aside by others, but many of our sisters and brothers find themselves in such lives. But we have been blessed by you. So may these gifts we offer be used to everyone might know that your community of compassion, of hope, of grace, of life is for everyone.

Waiata Aroha

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Organist: Diane Paterson Clyde Foster Kaeo

Readers: Bev Tayler KK tba Kaeo

Door and tea: Michelle and Akisi **Flowers:** Jenny and Karen

The Singers will feature in the Service at Kerikeri. The Rev Amiria Te Whiu will preach at the Service in Kaeo.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7,17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37

KERIKERI SINGERS: practice today at 11am

COMMUNION SERVICE: Today at Ted Robinson Chapel at 4pm

BIBLE STUDY: tomorrow, Monday 27 November, 1.15-2.45pm in the Cornerstone Meeting Room.

IN CORNERSTONE THIS WEEK: Today: Ensemble pm. Monday: Community Board am; Bible Study pm. Tuesday: Yoga Therapy am; Quilters Christmas Lunch am/pm; Tai Chi pm; Yoga evening. Thursday: Rehab Networks pm; A Choired Taste evening. Saturday: Hope Centre Kerikeri Fundraising Dinner evening.

IN KAEO CHURCH HALL THIS WEEK: Monday: NorthTec day; Yoga evening. Tuesday: NorthTec am; Funeral (Syd Whitley) pm. Thursday: Puna Awhina am.

CAR BOOT SALES: Next sale is Saturday 9 December 7.30am-12noon at Cornerstone. Contact person: Mary 021722938 or 4071117

ANGEL TREE Moneys and gifts will soon be collected. If you would like to help the children of prisoners over the Christmas period please take a card with a child's name on and give the card and gift to Jessica or pop it into Cornerstone. The idea is to keep the children connected with their parent. Or if you wish to donate money there are envelopes by the tree. You can give as much or as little as you like. The envelope can be popped into the collection bag.

HĪKOI RANGIHOA (A KIWI CAMINO): on Wednesday 6 December a group who are walking sections of the way from Vaughan Park in Long Bay, Auckland to Rangihoua in the Bay of Islands, will arrive on foot by the walking track from Paihia. They are having a meal at Cornerstone – Whare Karakia o Manako with shared evening prayer to follow. We are welcome to join them for the meal and service, gathering from

5pm, dinner at 5.30pm and service at around 6.30pm. Sheryl and team are catering and numbers are needed as soon as possible. \$15 per person.

PARISH NEWSLETTER: available **next** week, not today as hoped.

FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY

Cornerstone – Whare Karakia o Manako will be one year old on Sunday 17 December. We are therefore inviting all user groups, and the wider community to a Church and Community Celebration

**Cuppa from 9.30am, the Service at around 10am,
and Shared Lunch to follow**

The Service will include our regular things like hymns and prayers, some reflection, musical items, sharing thoughts on the year and hopes for the future.

To help with preparation, please share your thoughts with Robyn – either on paper, email, or having a chat – on what it means to you that we've made to one year old, what you'll be celebrating, and what you hope for as the "child grows in the future". Like any child, getting through year one is always an achievement and a milestone on the journey.

Church members, as able, are invited to bring some light snacks for morning tea, as well as food to share for lunch.

BIBLE IN SCHOOL AT RIVERVIEW will need new teachers and helpers next year, lessons start in March, Friday mornings and Monday afternoons. Please see Robyn, if you would like to observe lessons in November, to see what we do, and how much fun we have!! Training and curriculum provided - the seeds fall on fertile soil, very rewarding!

REINSTATING OF THE BOYD PLAQUE: in 1809 the merchant ship *The Boyd* was attached in Whangaroa Harbour with a large number deaths of Māori and Europeans. Our parish participated in a Remembrance event in 2009; Robyn has continued on the committee working to reinstate the plaque to commemorate it – he tohu maumahara. Originally dedicated in 1994, it got damaged, relocated, and then became detached and lost for a time. It has been an 8-year challenge to find a place accessible to the public and acceptable to all. **Next Saturday 2 December at 10am** the plaque will be reinstated on the Whangaroa Village Green. All are welcome to attend the ceremony. Please let Robyn know, to pass on numbers for catering purposes.