

# *Grace* Presbyterian Church

July 21, 2024

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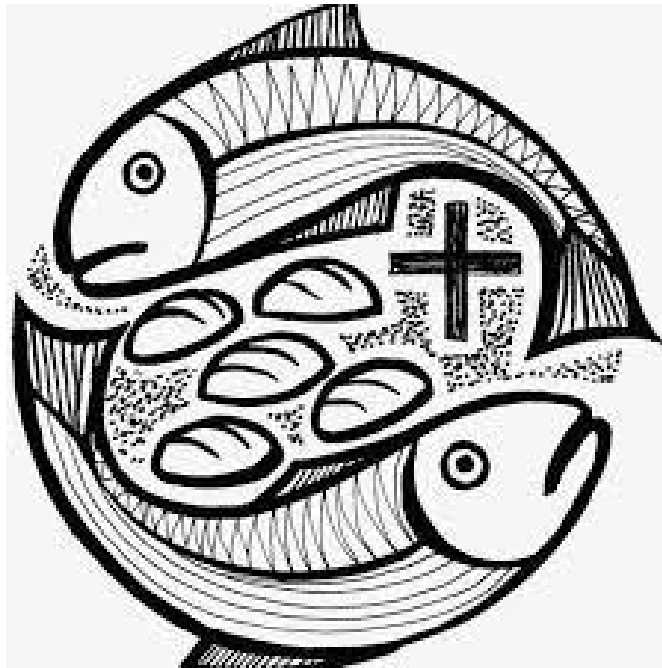
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## VISION STATEMENT

We are an open and affirming congregation.

**We genuinely welcome people of all ages,  
race, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations,  
beliefs,  
and those who are cognitively  
and or physically challenged.**

Our vision is to be a community of love and purpose,  
**each one engaged in ministry,  
seeking to know Christ, growing in discipleship,  
and embodying God's love for the world.**



## **Prayer Candles**

Before Worship, you may offer a prayer and light a candle at the communion table.

## **We Gather**

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 89)

I will sing of the tender mercies of the Lord forever!  
Young and old will hear of your faithfulness.

**Your unfailing love will last forever.**

**Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens.**

Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship,  
for they will walk in the light of your presence.

\*Hymn #67 "My Song Forever Shall Record"

Call to Confession

We know that we have not lived as God hopes.  
But however fragmented we become,  
God longs to hold us together in grace and peace.  
Let us come with our prayers of confession and need  
to the One who prepares the way for our words.

Prayer of Confession

**In these moments, Remembering God,  
we bring to you all the ways we have not  
lived as your people:**

**we stand by watching  
while those in need struggle to survive;**

**we cast our lots with those  
who worship power and success;  
we offer insults rather than words of grace  
to those who care for us;  
we scoff at your words  
which call us to a different lifestyle.**

**Forgive us, God of Mercy,  
for not knowing what we do to you,  
to others, to ourselves.  
Speak to us through Jesus Christ, our Savior,  
who bears words filled with your tender mercy  
and gracious hope.**

*(Silence is kept for personal confession.)*

Words of Assurance

This is the good news: God remembers!  
Not our sins, not our foolish lives, not our rebellion.  
God remembers us—and redeems us!

**God prepares the way for us:  
the way to grace, to hope, to new life.  
Joyfully, we offer our thanks to God. Amen.**

~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies.

Hymn #449 "Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love"  
Vs. 1 Only (please remain seated)

**We Reflect**

Prayer of Illumination

Gathered together in open place

young and old  
men and women  
certain and seeking  
slave and free.

Gathered together in an open place  
they listened, talked and shared.

Gathered together in an open place  
they heard the Word of God  
And they were filled.

Let us now gather together  
in this open place to listen, talk, and share,  
to hear the Word of God and be filled.

~ written by Katherine Hawker, and posted on Liturgy Outside.  
Modified by Pastor Debbie

First reading from the Prophet Jeremiah 23:1-4

A time for Children and the Young in heart

Reading from the Gospel of Mark 6:30-44

SERMON

\*Hymn # 803 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

## **We Respond**

### MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is **to Know, Love, and Serve God**

Offertory Invitation  
*Musical Meditation*

## Prayer of Dedication

On my own  
what I have to give  
doesn't amount to much  
in the light of all you have given to me  
and in the face of so much need.  
Put together as a congregation,  
what we offer you here in love  
becomes more,  
not simply added together,  
but somehow multiplied in its usefulness.  
We ask you to bless our gifts  
and with the addition of your blessing,  
just as it was with the loaves and fishes,  
there is enough for all.  
Amen

~ from the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand website.

(Many thanks to all who contribute to the mission and ministry of our church in offering plates during worship and by electronic giving throughout the month).

## Prayers of God's People (sharing of Joys and Concerns)

Lord, in your mercy/with thanksgiving, **Hear our prayer.**

## The Lord's Prayer

### **We Are Sent**

\*Hymn #312 "Take Us As We Are, O God"

\*Charge and Benediction

May the love of God  
which gives life to the world, sustain you;  
May the bread of life, Jesus Christ,  
feed you with the food that endures to eternal life;  
May the power of the Holy Spirit  
nourish and strengthen you in faith.

~ written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on Liturgies Online.

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you!

**And also with you.**

*(We invite you to offer a sign of peace to those around you and as you gather for fellowship. We remind you to ask what folks feel comfortable with...a verbal greeting, a handshake or fist bump, etc. Do not assume.)*

POSTLUDE

**\*Indicates, please stand in body or spirit.**

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