

# Welcome to worship

## At Raumati Uniting Church

10 a.m. 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024



### **Giving: An essential for life**

*We are welcomed and hear about coming activities in the parish in which we could be involved*

***We are called to worship*** Good morning! It is good that we are together, a community of God's people.

**We come to offer our worship; to give of ourselves to this experience that we might give thanks, finding the Spirit of God with us, in us, and expressed through us.**

Life is good! Let us worship God.

### ***We sing***

From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the creator's praise arise:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let the redeemer's name be sung  
Through every land in every tongue:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
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Alleluia!

Eternal are your mercies, Lord;  
Eternal truth attends your word:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore  
Till suns shall rise and set no more;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

### ***We pray***

Jesus, with us, one of us. In your actions we see the work of God. In the words you use we hear good news for the people: Freedom for those caught in their own doubts, release for those caught up in old habits; in old prejudices, in old fears.

**May our actions and our words be encouraging, thoughtful and caring.**

Jesus, excellent human being, example for us. Your thoughtfulness, your actions made life richer for the poor; giving food for the hungry, healing for the sick.

**May our actions and our words be generous, practical and helpful.**

Jesus, strong in your belief in yourself and in the power of love: you challenge those who want more for themselves and less for others. You expect people to be truthful, always seeking the best for others.

**May our actions and our words be strong as we stand with those in need, especially families who struggle to make a living. Give us the courage and wisdom to challenge decision-makers spelling out the values we hold as followers of Jesus.**

Jesus, gentle healer, teacher of priorities linking us to God, you say, the kingdom of God is here, amongst us.

**That surprises us because wars and division, political maneuvering and terrorism, fill the news and our fears. So help us to hold on to our hope for your world, for our communities, for the church, that love lived in all places will be signs of your kingdom and the strongest reason for offering our worship. Amen!**

***We listen for the goodness to be found in giving in relationships:***

Ruth 3: 1 – 5, 4: 13 – 17

***We sing***

God, companion of our journey,  
help in times of dark despair,  
comforter in times of sadness,  
present in the joy we share.

Thanks we give for each new challenge,  
praise we sing for this new start.  
Guide us in the path we've chosen,  
may your love-song fill our heart.

Take our lives and use our talents;  
give us freedom to explore  
all the ways that we may serve you,  
trust and love you ever more.

*Jocelyn Marshall tune SUSSEX*

***We listen for the truth of the Gospel*** as Mark 12: 38 – 44 are read  
to us

***We think together about what we have heard in our readings***

***We sing:***

Jesus calls us here to meet him  
as, through word and song and prayer,  
we affirm God's promised presence  
where his people live and care.  
Praise the God who keeps his promise;  
praise the Son who calls us friends;  
praise the Spirit who, among us,  
to our hopes and fears attends. –

Jesus calls us to confess him  
Word of Life and Lord of All;  
sharer of our flesh and frailness  
saving all who fail or fall.  
Tell his holy human story;  
tell his tales that all may hear;  
tell the world that Christ in glory  
came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other:  
found in him are no divides.  
Race and class and sex and language  
such are barriers he derides.  
Join the hand of friend and stranger;  
join the hands of age and youth.  
join the faithful and the doubter  
in their common search for truth.

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

***We make our offering***

**Christ, God with us, we offer these gifts, for the work of your Church and the welfare of your people; acknowledging with gratitude how much we have been given and what a gift life itself is.**

**Help us to use all we have, aware that in our comparative wealth, we have a responsibility to be a giving and generous people. We know that when we live with that attitude, we experience the richness of the life you planned and want it to be for us. Amen!**

***We pray for the people of the world and the restoration of creation***

***We sing the Lord's prayer***

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today 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, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.**

***We sing***

Where the road runs out  
and the signposts end,  
Where we come to the edge of today,  
Be the God of Abraham for us,  
Send us out upon our way.

*Lord, you were our beginning,  
the faith that gave us birth.  
We look to you, our ending,  
our hope for heaven and earth.*

When the coast is left and we journey on  
to the rim of the sky and the sea,  
be the sailor's friend,  
be the dolphin Christ,  
lead us on to eternity.

When the clouds are low  
and the wind is strong,  
When tomorrow's storm draws near,  
Be the spirit bird hovering overhead  
Who will take away our fear.

*Colin Gibson*

***Our worship ends our service begins***

Our worship in this place at this time is ended. Follow the ways of Jesus, be open to the needs of others; listen well, be patient, give generously.

**Jesus has shown us how to live lovingly. When we do that, we experience peace in ourselves as we offer peace to others.**

That is God's blessing. Peace and love be with you all.

**Amen!**

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The Rev. Roger Wiig led the service

Musician was: Merle Stevenson

Readers were: Hugh and Maureen Evans