



## **KAPITI UNITING PARISH**

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# **Waikanae Church Anniversary Service**

Worship Leaders:      Evan Ireland & the Worship Group  
Musician:                Isabel Robertson  
Reader:                    Sue Hodgson



**November 17th, 2024, at 10:00am**

## **Welcome**

Our service today celebrates the dedication of this building as the Waikanae Beach Methodist Church.

## **Call to Worship**

Loving God, we give thanks for those who built this Church in Te Horo. We also give thanks to those who moved it to Waikanae where it was renovated and dedicated to Your service.

**Lord, we give thanks for the dedication and work of those who have come before us.**

Loving God, we give thanks for those who have preached Your word from this pulpit.

Their knowledge and dedication have provided for the spiritual needs of all those who have chosen to enter Your house of worship.

**Lord, we give thanks for the gift of your word and the support we all have received on our journey to grow in the understanding of our faith.**

Loving God, we give thanks for the many visitors and holiday makers who have found their way to Your door, especially during Christmas and Easter.

**Lord, may everyone find a welcome in this Your Holy Place.**

**We Sing - We love the place, O God.**

**We love the place, O God,  
Wherein Thine honour dwells;  
The joy of Thine abode  
All earthly joy excels.**

**It is the house of prayer,  
Wherein Thy servants meet;  
And Thou, O Lord are there,  
Thy chosen flock to greet.**

**We love the word of life,  
The word that tells of peace,  
Of comfort in the strife  
And joys that never cease.**

**We love to sing below  
Of mercies freely given;  
But O we long to know  
The triumph song of heaven.**

**Lord Jesus, give us grace,  
On earth to love Thee more,  
In heaven to see Thy face,  
And with Thy saints adore.**

**Let Us Pray**

## **We Sing - The Lord's 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 pow'r and the glory  
are yours now and forever.  
Amen, amen, amen, amen  
amen, amen, amen, amen.**

*Richard Gillard & John Smith*

## **The Scripture Lesson**

1 Corinthians, Chapter 3 Verses 9-16

## **The Dedication of this Church**

We will hear part of what was said by the Officiating Minister, the Reverend Robert Thornley, as he rededicated this Church in 1961.

## **Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
(repeat once)**

**Amen**

## **Blessing the Offering**

**As those who have come before us, we bring our gifts which are freely given to support the work of this Church and our community.**

**We pray they will be used to spread the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and to help those in need.**

**Dear God, help us to always be aware of the needs of others and to offer help and support when we can.**

## **Prayers and Praise**

**We will offer our prayers and praise for our Church and all those who have gone before us as well as our current congregation. We will pray for all Churches and people throughout the world.**

**We Sing** - All people that on earth do dwell.

**All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;  
come ye before him and rejoice.**

**Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.**

**For why the Lord our God is good;  
his mercy is for ever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.**

*William Kethe d. 1594*

## **Memories from the Past**

We have a photo presentation accompanied by a question-and-answer session with members of our congregation.

**We sing: God of the ages. WOV No.662**

**God of the ages, by whose hand  
through years long past our lives were led;  
Give us new courage now to stand,  
new faith to find the paths ahead.**

**You are the thought beyond all thought,  
the gift beyond our utmost prayer;  
No farthest reach where you are not,  
no height but we may find you there.**

**Lift up our hearts, and set us free  
from wild alarms and trembling fears;  
In your strong hand eternally  
rest the unfolding of the years.**

**Though there be dark uncharted space,  
with worlds on worlds beyond our sight;  
Still may we trust your love and grace,  
and wait your word, 'Let there be light'.**

*Elisabeth Havens*

**The Grace**

## Photos from the Past



*Mrs Elizabeth Bulliman and her daughter Minnie Kemsley*



*The Church when it was at Te Horo*