



COMBINING FOR WORSHIP

Cornerstone – Whare Karakia o Manako

27 JANUARY 2019

Here each Sunday we pray God's blessing over our buildings: thanks for the good that has happened through the week and cleansing for anything troublesome. May the Spirit touch all who come into our church home.



Being family, we watch out for, and care for, one another.

Settling in

Welcome and Notices

Karakia – Allen Heta (Ngāti Uru, Union Parish, and Hope Church)

Kōrero on Relationship Ngāti Uru and Weteriana (Methodist) Church

Hīmine *Whakaria mai*

Hope Church Worship Team

Testimonies of Faith – Introduced by Pastor T

Hīmine *Tama ngākau mārie*

Symbol of God's Presence – Kay Blunkell

Clarifying our Purpose

Conversation with the Word

Reading Luke 4:14-21 – Kay Blunkell

Kauhau/Reflection – Robyn

The message of Jesus is clear and compassionate.

After taking his turn in his home synagogue to read the scripture of the day, Jesus identifies himself – provocatively – as the one Isaiah 61 speaks of: the one anointed by the Holy Spirit to announce to the world God's amnesty, liberation, and healing.

Then his sermon, his kauhau. First sermon ever preached by him and it's one sentence only: *Today this is happening!* This is his keynote address, the Jesus Manifesto.

The year of the Lord's favour: that's the Jubilee year, a tradition that's about forgiveness and restoration. In particular, restoration of life and the means of life. Debts are cancelled, amnesty given, property returned to its original family, with the result that wealth accumulated by some, beyond what they need, is redistributed to those who need. A regular restoration of balance among all the peoples.

This is our manifesto *if* we are Christians passionate about the true and liberating gospel. Jesus sets the pace: "this is happening now", he says. Standing here before you in a person; in a person whose mission is to bring together again God's community, to re-embrace the excluded, the voiceless, the deprived, the discounted, putting them (us) heart and centre. I say re-embrace, bring together again, because this is how it was to be from the beginning. This always was God's vision in the creation of humankind and in God's call to Israel to be God's holy people. To be genuine community – whanaungatanga.

That's what being Christian, and being church, are about. All who hear the invitation to belong, to be free, to be people of worth, can be that – belong, know freedom, and know we have worth. The only way of that not

being the case is by excluding ourselves – not hear the voice saying, “you are part of the family, you matter, you are loved.” Not let ourselves be welcomed.

Of all the gospel writers, Luke is most concerned with showing Jesus and his mission to the ‘*anawim*, the poor, the little ones in terms of power and privilege, literally in Aramaic “the people of the land”. “The least of these” as in the text that links with the name of this building:

Ki te **manako** tetahi ki tetahi tamaiti nohinohi penei,
he whakaaro hoki ki tōku ingoa, e **manako** ana ki ahau
Whoever **welcomes** the least of these in my name, **welcomes** me.

Matthew 18:5

The Holy Spirit is in him to carry out this mission of good news to the poor (to us).

And as church, as people of the Christian Way, that’s what the Holy Spirit does in us too.

The good news is liberation. In Jesus’ time that was political and personal, socio-economic and spiritual. Whole person and whole of life liberation – te whare tapawha. In our time it’s the same.

Let’s do it.

Waiata/Hymn *Longing for light (Christ be our light)*

Conversations around the Table

Continuing the Conversation

Amnesty, liberation, healing – what’s the good news as you see it:

Amnesty for what? What needs forgiveness?

Liberation from what? What are the “chains” that hold us trapped?

Healing of what? What wounds do we carry?

The World: Our Prayers

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara, Tunisia

The Lord’s Prayer (sung – Millennium version)

Offering: as we gather our free-will offering, take the opportunity to greet those nearby, particularly those you have not met, with the words “The peace of Christ be with you” or “Kia tau te rangimārie a te Karaiti ki runga ki a koe”.

The cash offering will be shared between the two churches

Dedication – Pastor T

Loving the World as God Loves

A Story: Jesus and the Children www.lostsheep.org.au

Hymn *Amazing Grace*

Blessing – Robyn

God is a God who takes infinite risks
with people like us.

Go in faith to be part of the
recreating of the world

...*Mā te mārie a te Atua*

Robyn McPhail, 27.01.2019

NOTICES FOR TODAY – 27 JANUARY 2019

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NEXT SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2019

Musicians: Marie Cannon (KK) Clyde Foster (Kaeo)

Readers: Marie Cannon (KK) tba (Kaeo)

Door and Tea: Bev and Bob

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30

COMMUNION SERVICE: today Sunday 27 January 4pm at the Ted Robinson Chapel

CAR BOOT SALES: next on Saturday 9 February 2019 7.30am-12noon at Cornerstone. Contact person: Mary 407 1117 or carboot@kkup.org.nz

BIBLE STUDY: Restart on 4 February, Mondays at 1.15-2.45pm at Cornerstone

STUDY LEAVE: Robyn's study leave is interspersed with parish work, so she is available at times, at other times not. Contact Bev and Alan (Ministry Leadership Group 4016625, 4050688) with initial inquiries.

VISIONING WORKSHOP

All members and friends of the parish are invited to participate in a visioning workshop, following a combined parish service on

Sunday 10 February at 9.30am

in Cornerstone – Whare Karakia o Manako, Kerikeri

Material for discussion will be included with the February/March newsletter due out on Sunday 3 February. Individual responses will be welcome if you can't attend the workshop or if you have more to add as you think about it in the days that follow. Spare copies will be available to give to friends, family, neighbours, wider community, who are interested. Responses due in by 24 February, to Cornerstone or hand to a parish councillor.