



Sunday 13 July 2025 – Pentecost 5

Neighbours

The service today has been prepared by
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Welcome to our service this morning.

In working together on our shared mission, we commit to seven core values:

Togetherness, Humility, Curiosity, Love, Inclusiveness, Justice, Sustainability.

Inclusiveness: we recognise the full equality of the entire human family to share in ministry, leadership, and worship, regardless of race, age, physical ability, neurodiversity, marital or economic status, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

Welcome

Opening

Song: [I Love the Family of God](#)

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| 1. I love this family of God,
So closely knitted into one,
They've taken me into their
hearts,
And I'm so glad to be a part
of this great family. | 3. Within this family of God
United by the bonds of love.
Our worship and our praise we
bring
Together to our Lord and King
Of this great family. |
| 2. I love this family of God,
Where fellowship with God
begins.
New life, new love, new
friendships start
And I'm so glad to be a part
Of this great family. | 4. E aroha ana ahau
Ki tenei whanau a te Atua,
He whanau kotahi tenei
Taku koa ko au tetahi
O tenei whanau. |

Morning Psalm

We thank you Heavenly Father,
for your continued care and blessings,
the flowers that bloom in glorious colour,
the rain that refreshes the earth,
the birds that fill the air with song.

We thank you for your perpetual love,
for reaching out to heal, for drawing us to yourself.
May all people praise you, to celebrate your presence.
May all creation praise you,
who created and sustains us and watches over his own.

Hymn: [Joyful, Joyful](#)

Lyrics by Henry Van Dyke

Music by Ludwig van Beethoven

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Prayers – Confession and Assurance

Reading: Luke 10: 25 – 37 (page1615)

Children's Time

Hymn AA59: [He Came Singing Love](#)

Lyrics and Music by Colin Gibson

1. He came singing Love
and he lived singing love;
he died, singing love
He arose in silence.
For the love to go on
we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

3. He came singing hope
and he lived singing hope;
he died, singing hope.
He arose in silence.
For the hope to go on
we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

2. He came singing faith
and he lived singing faith;
he died, singing faith.
He arose in silence.
For the faith to go on
we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

4. He came singing peace
and he lived singing peace;
he died, singing peace.
He arose in silence.
For the peace to go on
we must make it our song;
you and I be the singers.

Food for Thought: Who Is My Neighbour?

The Miracle of Mercy : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=osfQg4yKtq8>

Hymn AA36: Every Day I Will Offer You

Lyrics by Shirley Murray

Music by Colin Gibson

1. Every day, I will offer you,
loving God, my heart and mind
every way I discover you
in the work your hand has signed;
help me see I'm your image, and
you have dreamed what I might be --
every day in your Spirit,
I'll find the love and energy!

2. Every day, I will look to Christ,
and give thanks for wine and bread,
through the pain and emptiness
where your world cries to be fed;
help me see I can work for change,
and wherever I might be,
every day in your Spirit,
I'll find the love and energy!

3. Every day, I will take your word,
 answer your compassion's claim,
celebrate every sign of hope,
 every deed done in your name;
help me see you are always there,
 and your light can shine through me,
every day in your Spirit,
 I'll find the love and energy!

Community Time: Notices, Celebrations, Concerns for Prayer

Hymn: [The Risen Christ](#) (Tune: Woodlands)

1. The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet
from garden tomb through darkened city street,
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
2. The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,
breathes out his Spirit on them to abide
whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe;
new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.
3. May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand
with those oppressed in this and every land,
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,
restored in Christ to true humanity.

Blessing:

**Peace be to the whole community,
and love with faith, from God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Grace be with you all who have an undying love
from our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sung Amen