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The service today has been prepared by
Richard Smith, one of our Lay Preachers who is joined by
Kelly and some of her team from Family Works Northern, Whangarei

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.

Justice: we hope for a better world for all and work together to be part of making that happen.

Welcome

Kia ora e te whanau, greetings faith-family. Welcome to worship at Kaurihohore Church this morning the seventh Sunday of the Season of Pentecost, the time of the year when we relate our faith as the people of God to Christ's mission to the world. Today we focus on our core value of Justice in which we hope for a better world for all and work together to be part of making that happen. We welcome Kelly and two of her team members from Family Works Northern, the Northland section of Presbyterian Support Northern to share in our service. I have invited these visitors to share with us about their work in Whangarei and Northland as they seek to build a better world for those living in our community. Today we have our monthly communion service at the conclusion of which we will sing to each other the blessing we usually sing to people at their baptisms and birthdays. The format we use for communion is based on the Church of Christ tradition; we serve the bread to everyone then eat together and similarly serve the juice to each and drink together. Then collect the cups. After the service there will be a short News and Views discussion before we share lunch together. At the conclusion of the service, please get your cuppa and a biscuit from the kitchen and come back into the worship centre for the News and Views discussion. Lunch will follow a short time after the conclusion of News and Views. We hope you can stay and share in this time with us.

Mission Statement: Sharing God's love, creating hope, working for justice.

In his gospel John reminds us that,
God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in Spirit and in Truth.
Let us then join in worship together.

Call to Worship

(based on Mary Scifres, Abingdon Worship Annual 2025)

Before we even knock,

Christ opens the doors and invites us in.

Before we even ask,

God knows our every need.

Come to seek; come to pray; come to worship in Spirit and in Truth

We come for the Spirit of God has called us here.

Come faith-family come to learn the life-giving way of Jesus.

Opening Prayer

(based on Mary Scifres, Abingdon Worship Annual 2025)

Creating God, grant us our basic needs.

Where there is hunger,

give us bread.

Where there is homelessness,

give us shelter.

Where there is loneliness,

give us friendship.

Where we have wronged another,

guide us into reconciliation.

Where we have been wronged,

lead us on the journey of forgiveness.

In times of trial and tribulation,

lead us in the Way of life. Amen.

Hymn HIOS 9: [Beautiful Presence](#)

(Lyrics: Joy Cowley, Music: Barry Brinson)

1. Beautiful presence, how can we name you?
Words are too small for the one who is all.
How can we speak of your gentleness in us,
The warmth of our hearts in response to your call?

Chorus:

Beautiful presence, ocean of love,
Strong as forever, soft as a dove.
Words often fail us, but this we know true,
You live within us as we live in you.

2. There have been times of spiritual blindness,
When error and pain have distorted our sight.
Beautiful presence, you were there with us,
To show us how darkness can turn into light.

Chorus:

3. Nothing that happens to us will be wasted,
All of our living is grounded in grace.
Gently you take down the walls of division,
Leading us on to a larger place.

Chorus:

Prayer for Centring and Renewal

Beautiful presence, ocean of love, grow in our lives
as we open ourselves to your presence among us and within us.
Guide us to forgive those who wrong us,
inspire us to lovingly confront those who dominate, exploit and destroy,
for we cannot do so in our own strength alone.
Help us to discover the joy of treating others
with the care and respect we long to be treated with ourselves.
So that others may find your life-changing love and care as we live in you.

The Lord's Prayer - Sung AA112 [Our Father in Heaven](#)

(Lyrics: Richard Gillard and John Smith, Arr. Guy Jansen)

(Please remain seated)

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed 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

Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us
from evil.
For the king-dom

the power and glo...ry
Are yours now and for ever.
Amen, amen, amen, amen,
amen, amen, amen, amen

Reading: Luke 11:1-13 *(New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised)*

The Lord's Prayer

11 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.'

2 He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

Perseverance in Prayer

5 And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; **6** for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." **7** And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." **8** I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

9 'So, I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. **10** For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. **11** Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? **12** Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? **13** If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Hymn AA 8: Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You

1. Brother, sister, let me serve you
Let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I might have the grace to
Let you be my ser-vant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are travellers on the road.
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile, and be-ar the load.

3. I will hold the Christ light for you,
In the night-time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you lo--ng to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping,
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow,
Till we've seen this jour-ney through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony.
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love, and ag—ony.

6. Will you let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I might have the grace to
Let you be my ser---vant too.

Food for Thought

In this morning's reading from the gospel of Luke we hear of Jesus' response to his disciples' request for him to teach them how to pray. He goes on to illustrate this prayer with a story about persistence, overcoming the reluctance of a friend and neighbour to fulfil the normal expectations of neighbourly solidarity, and reassurance that God can be trusted more than humans can be. I take the lesson from this reading that we need to keep on praying persistently, like the friend begging his neighbour at the door, for God's kingdom to come, for each person to have their daily needs met. Similarly, we need to keep on sharing bread and forgiving, which is part of the kingdom coming. This morning, I have invited Kelly and some of her team from Family Works to illustrate how, in their work on our behalf and in our name, we can give good gifts to the children and families of our community as a part of praying in action that God's kingdom will keep coming on Earth.

Kelly and Team

Community Time: Notices, Celebrations & Thanksgiving & Concerns

The Prayers of God's People

Spirit of Love, Holy God, be with us in all the activities and events on our calendars and in our diaries. We celebrate the joys of sharing in doing things together, of bodies and relationships healing, of hopeful growth and change.

We give you thanks that we can do things that make a difference in peoples' lives around us, our partners, family members, friends and neighbours, the people we meet and those we contact at a distance. In particular, we thank you for the care and skills of the team at Family Works. Bless them and all the children and families they work with, so that all the children in our community find freedom and joy in the fulness of life you intend.

We share our joy in being able to participate in this service together (and in)

We pray for those embroiled in war and conflict, those suffering from illness and disease, those who are in mourning, lonely, hopeless. Help us to be aware of those we can directly make a difference for and help us to care in prayer respectfully for those we cannot.

We pray for those we have mentioned, (.....). and for those we have not mentioned.

Heavenly Father open our eyes to see where we can make a difference and help us to do whatever we can to build your kingdom into this world. **Amen.**

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

**Holy and loving God, we come, each one, in faith,
celebrating your forgiveness, trusting ourselves to your love.
We come bringing ourselves, our gifts and our time,
to share what is good.
Bless these gifts, this bread and this wine.
Bless us as we remember your presence among us. Amen.**

The Peace

Let us greet one another with a handshake or a hug and bless each other in the words, **"The peace of God be with you."**

Hymn HFTC 414: [Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ](#)

(Servers come forward during the singing of the last verse of the hymn and lift the cover from the elements on the table)

Communion

Holy and loving God for the power of love in human life and history we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

Long ago our ancestors knew love's power and they became the tellers of love's tale. Love bound them in covenant, teaching them to live in community with compassion and concern for the poorest among them.

Yet centuries of domination and violence shaped a different kind of community based on selfishness and inequality.

In the struggle against oppression, Jesus became the face of love, showing us the way to abundant life. In word and deed, he announced love's new reign of justice, reconciliation and peace. Filled with the courage and passion of love's spirit he gave his life to challenge the unjust systems of this world.

On the night of his betrayal and arrest, as he shared a meal with his friends, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his followers, saying:

"Share this bread among you; this is my body which will be broken for justice. Do this to remember me."

After supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

"Share this wine among you; this is my blood which will be shed for liberation. Do this to remember me."

We set aside these elements to this holy purpose.

Let us pray.

God of love, spirit of compassion, bless us and this bread and wine. May this meal be food and drink for our journey, renewing, sustaining, and making us whole.

Amen.

When we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we open ourselves again to the loving presence of Jesus in our midst.

The table is ready. All are welcome. Come, for the feast is spread.

Let us pray:

Lord, we come before you now, yearning to know your healing presence and the accepting love which Christ offers.

(Silence)

Send your Holy Spirit that through this holy sacrament we may know your transforming love and become shaped into the body and life of him whose food we share. **Amen.**

Among friends gathered around a table, Jesus took bread, broke it and said, "This is my body broken for you." *(break bread)*

After supper he took the cup and said, "This is the new relationship with God, made possible through my death. Drink it, all of you, to remember me." *(lift cups)*

We remember Jesus, who taught us to love the poor and outcast;

Christ, have mercy on us.

We remember Jesus, who called all to God's kingdom;

Christ, have mercy on us.

We remember Jesus who rose to live among us and in us;

Christ, grant us your peace.

(lift bread)

The bread of life for all who hunger

(distribute bread)

The body of Christ, broken for us.

(eat together)

(lift cups)

The cup of compassion for a broken world

(distribute glasses)

The blood of Christ shed for all.

(drink together)

(collect used cups)

Go from this table bearing the love of God into a troubled world.

Go from this table knowing the peace which passes all understanding.

Go from this table renewed, to renew the world God loves.

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, you have called us out of isolation, selfishness and greed, into the freedom of trusting you with our lives, and into belonging in this faith community.

We join with you and with each other, in faith in this covenant of membership in your kingdom.

Lead us, as your people, to live your love into the life of this world, that we may truly be the Body of Christ, inspired by your Holy Spirit within us, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you.

Amen

(Servers replace the cover over the remaining elements on the table and return to their seats during the singing of the post-communion hymn)

Hymn FFS 67: [We Are Many, We Are One](#)

(Lyrics: Colin Gibson, Tune: Hamilton)

1. We are many, we are one,
and the work of Christ is done
when we learn to live in true community,
 as the stars that fill the night, as a flock of birds in flight,
 as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
 as the branches of a tree, as the waves upon the sea,
 as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

2. All division is made whole
when we honour every soul,
find the life of God in every you and me,
 as the fingers of a hand, as the grains that form the sand,
 as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
 as the threads upon a loom, as a field of flowers in bloom,
 as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

3. We will join creation's song,
make a world where all belong,
build as one in peace and loving harmony,
 as the voices of a choir, as the flames within a fire,
 as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine;
 as the snowflakes in the snow, as the colours of a bow,
 as the cluster of the grapes upon the vine.

Commissioning and Blessing

Go now, members of the Body of Christ, to learn to live in true community,
To honour every soul, to make a world where all belong,
To live at one with all, in peace and loving harmony,
blessing everyone in the character of the Lord.

(We sing the blessing to each other)

The Lord bless you and keep you:

**The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you:**

**The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.**

Sung Amen *(Threefold)*

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