



30th August 2020 Rev Donald Hegan

Introit: The Blessing; Aotearoa New Zealand Churches join together

Welcome & Call To Worship

Songs: I will sing unto the Lord
Alleluia! Alleluia Give thanks
Majesty Worship His Majesty

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

Announcements and sharing

God Moment:

Offerings and Dedication

Hymn: We have heard a joyful sound Jesus saves MP730

Prayers for Others: Capt Ken Camp

Readings: Psalm 139:1, 13-17; pg 974, Mark 12:28-34 pg 1575 **Avis Parker**

Hymn: Let all the World WOV 13

Sermon: Faith for Today: Evidence for God from Human Experience III

Hymn: When morning gilds the skies WOV 151

Benediction

Elders on Duty for August John Rentz and Elizabeth Hockly

Organist Len Hockly

Pianist Joy Smith

Door Greeting June Welten
and Rona Green

Security 5th Week Mary
Findlay

Prayer Chain We are available to pray for you, your friends and families in your joys and concerns. Please contact Glynnis (576 4814) or the office.

THE COMING WEEK (1st)

Monday	7.00 pm	Indoor Bowls
Tuesday	9.00 am– 9.25 am:	Staff Meeting, Donald's office
	1.30pm	Session in the Creche
Wednesday	10.00 am	Midweek Communion in the Chapel
Thursday	9.45am	Bible Study
Friday	9.00 am	Prayer meeting in crèche
	10.00 an	Cuppa & Chat
Sunday	8.45 am	Prayers
Wed/Thurs/Fri	10.00 am—4.00 pm:	Basement Boutique

Communion—Everyone is welcome to come on Wednesday at 10am to the Chapel Service.

Notice of Motion for AGM

"THAT, after the retirement of the Rev. Donald Hegan, the congregation of St Columba seek to call a full-time National Ordained Minister on the standard terms of call as adopted in Kaimai Presbytery with the provision of a manse OR a housing allowance in lieu of a manse. (Special provision also exists for a low interest loan).

Eldership: Session is nominating Capt Ken Camp for Eldership and this will proceed if there are no objections on the 30th August 2020. Any objections must be submitted to the Session Clerk by the 30th.

Basement Boutique AGM

The AGM of the Basement Boutique is to be held on Monday 7th September at 10.00am in the Lounge. All invited.

Health and Safety We are being advised to wear masks in confined public spaces. I am concerned that some people are not taking care of their masks. Please be aware once your mask has been worn it will have your "bugs" on it and there is a possibility it may have been infected by someone else. I would recommend you treat it like your "cold" infected handkerchief. Please make every attempt to keep the mask untouched by hands -using the elastic to remove it-and I suggest carrying a plastic bag to put it in when it has been used. The aim is to protect yourself and others from the spread of the droplet infections. Depending on the mask; disposal (in a bag) or washing it regularly is important too. Keep safe.

WoW Breakfast for Sept 12th has been cancelled

Voice - Did you receive your copy? There are still some available under the main noticeboard if you would like one, along with a Word for Today devotion. Please feel free to take anything for yourself or to pass on to someone else.

Faith for Today: Evidence for God from Human Experience III

1. Our experience of the natural world

The sea is his, ... and his hands formed the dry land. Psalm 95:5

Nature overpowers our human size and powers

Awe of worlds beauty, har-mony and grandeur

This is a piece too fair

To be the child of chance and not of care. John Dryden

God creates, sustains and guides natural processes

2. Human values

'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Mark 12:31

Moral passion and commitment in a pluralistic society

Some things are intrinsically right or wrong

*For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do--
this I keep on doing.* Romans 7:19

Without God moral values are inexplicable

3. Human personhood & Spirituality

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Ps 139:14

Uniqueness of each individual and the unfolding of a young life

How can mind originate out of mere matter? This is understandable with a personal God

We are biologically cued to see moral and spiritual meaning

God has Revealed Himself

We believe we see God's handiwork in His creation. Simply consider the mountains, the beaches, jungles, ocean depths, farmland, and valleys. To see His creation points to Himself.



1. He Takes Care of His Creation

God is the master artist, architect, engineer, medical team, and teacher. Through the intricacies of our day-to-day, we have been given the ability to continue to create through the use of technological advancements. But when it comes down to it, we are being taken care of regardless of these “extras” in life. He has given us everything we need. Matthew reminds us that if God takes care of the birds and flowers, how much more assured should we be that he will take care of His children?

2. He Delights in Beauty

Look around as the seasons change and you will see beauty upon beauty emerging from its cocoon. An orange fiery sunset, crystal clear waters, snow-capped mountain peaks, the beauty of a stunning garden. This is just a glimpse of the beauty we will fully behold in Heaven. Eden was perfect. To see beauty is a reflection of God. “In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.” Job 12:10

3. His Timing is Perfect

God uses time to form us into a patchwork quilt of His own. The cyclical timing of a 24-hour day, 365-day year, motion of planets spinning on their axis at just the right angle is a testament to His control. We can get stuck in fear or uncertainty. But we can know my Father has it all in His hands. *He has made everything beautiful in its time.* Ecclesiastes 3:11

4. He Speaks to His Children

God speaks through the use of His voice, His Word, the Holy Spirit, people, or in signs. A donkey spoke to Balaam God uses a great fish to swallow Jonah. Listen to God's voice for he will speak.

May we all continue to love His creation and care for all that live. May we take heed to His direction in our lives in the ways He reaches us through the Word as well as nature around us.

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