



7th June 2020

Rev Donald Hegan



Welcome to worship

We are excited to see you this morning.

Pre-service: Handel – Musette in G

- Larghetto from Organ Concert No 5
- Andante from Organ Concerto No 1

Call To Worship

Songs: Kia Ora Whanau
Shout to the Lord
Isn't He MP 344



Georg Fredric Handel

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

Welcome Announcements and Notices:

God Moment:

Offering: Rauzzini – Air in G

Offerings and Dedication:

Prayers for Others: Ken Camp and John Rentz

Hymn: Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Readings: Genesis 43:16-34 **Ron Buller**

Sermon: The Long Journey Toward Reconciliation

Hymn: I will sing the wondrous Story

Benediction: Our Worship is Finished
The UK Blessing

Conclusion: Boellmann – Postlude in A

Elders on Duty for June: Ian Burns and Avis Currie

Door Greeting: Rona Green

Security: Brian Carr



THE COMING WEEK (1st)

Monday	7.00 pm Indoor Bowls
Tuesday	9.00 am— 9.25 am: Staff Meeting, Donald's office 9.30am Fitness League in hall
Wednesday	9.30 am Care & Craft in hall
Thursday	9.45am Bible Study in crèche 10.00 am Conversation Café in the hall
Friday	9.00 am Prayer meeting in crèche 10.00 am Cuppa & Chat in downstairs lounge
Sunday	8.45 am Prayers
Wed/Thurs/Fri	10.00 am—4.00 pm: Basement Boutique

Now operating:

O Team

Session

Home group - Rosalie's in crèche

Fitness League

Arabian Spice

Lisa's Dance group

◇ **The St Columba Session has called a special meeting of the Congregation on Sunday 21st June to elect 4-6 members to the Ministry Settlement Board. We are looking for representatives from a broad cross section of the Congregation. Two Session appointments have already been confirmed and these are Neville Wilson and Janet Freeman. Following is a list of people who have agreed to allow their names to go forward for consideration. Please advise Neville Wilson of any additional nominations prior to midday Saturday June 20th.**

◇ **Nominations received:**

Pam Brown

Ruth Kenyon-Slade

Glennis Smith

Alan Smith

Christine Christie

Jennifer Day

Ladies are invited!! Bethlehem Community Church Women's Ministry would like to invite you to a Pink Ribbon Morning Tea to raise funds for NZ Breast Cancer month in July.

Where - Bethlehem Community Church

When - 11 July at 10am

How much - \$10

Tickets will be available from Ruth in the Church office soon.



The Long Journey Toward Reconciliation

1.The problem of the money (vv. 16-23a).

Now the men were frightened when they were taken to his house. v.18

their guilty consciousness' convince them they were in trouble

Simeon was released

2.The problem of Benjamin's protection (vv. 24-34).

Benjamin's portion was five times as much as anyone else's. So they feasted and drank freely with him.

The brothers bowed and gave him their gifts

Joseph gave a prayer of blessing for Benjamin, wept and then gave Benjamin five times more than the others.

Brothers enjoyed a false peace

3. The problem of False confidence

"Go after those men at once, ... say to them, 'Why have you repaid good with evil? v.4

They were stunned when the steward accused them of stealing his master's special silver cup

They were convinced God was judging them

The thought of hurting their father or brother made them grieve

Our present helper - Moderator for PCANZ

"I will not leave you orphans, I will come to you." (John 14:18)



The journey goes on. Life is to be lived moving forward, no matter what we are experiencing today. The future is not promised to anyone. No one knows what lies ahead. When 2020 dawned, we were not aware of the coronavirus, the lockdown or the impact it would have on the whole world. Now, we pause and in union, utter "Wow". But still, life goes on.

Our Lord Jesus' words: "that we will not be orphans. And that He will come to us". The Holy Spirit is ever present with you and I, and with all the world. We are never alone and desolate. We will never be orphans, parentless, or be apart from God. Call out to your Abba, our Parent, our Father/Mother, our God. We will always know and experience the love of God - yesterday, today and tomorrow. And, we all cry out together: "Halleluia", "Amen", "Praise the Lord".

Well done everyone in our Presbyterian family. The Government, our Prime Minister and medical experts have guided us well. As a nation, our future is bright compared to so many others around the world.

Please keep the faith, be steady and sure of the course for the Church. We yearn to be together for fellowship, for worship, and yearn to be kanohi ki te kanohi (face-to-face). Many had the chance this weekend as some churches re-opened their doors. Please do not take the lives of our people lightly. Everything normal is so fragile and vulnerable right now.

The worship of God does not stop, or slow down, nor is it only in Church buildings. Remember Jesus' words for us, which offer promise. That promise is true and real. We testify of its reality.

Blessings, Fakaofu.

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