



# **KAPITI UNITING PARISH**

ChristianChurchesNZ – Methodist – Presbyterian  
10 Weka Road, Raumati Beach, Paraparaumu 5032

**23 March 2025**  
**Raumati 10am**

**Worship Leader: Kevin Boyce**

**Musician: Merle Stevenson**

**Reader: Diane Ammundsen and Ken Milne**

**Prayers for the people: Mike Copeland**

**CHURCH NOTICES: John Lawton**

**CANDLE LIGHTING: Candle lighting.**

**PEACE**

**Please offer a Peace Blessing to your fellow Church colleagues.**

**OPENING PRAYER: [Respond in the bold type]**

Father, thank you that you have brought each of us safely to this place.

**We gladly surrender our lives to you in worship and praise.**

As we gather we remember those who are not with us today:

**For those who are sick we ask for healing,**

And for those away from us:

**We ask for your blessing to be on them.**

We invite Your beautiful Holy Spirit to move freely amongst us.

**Come dwell in each of our hearts.**

Equip us, challenge us, comfort us, teach us.

**Inspire us as we learn more about your majestic ways.**

Father, as we meet now, may we behold Your beauty and encounter your grace.

**We ask all this in the wonderful name  
of Jesus, whose birth we exalt.**

**Amen.**

## **HYMN: HERE I AM LORD**

I, the Lord of sea and sky  
I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save  
I have made the stars of night  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord  
If You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart

I, the Lord of wind and flame  
I will tend the poor and lame

I will set a feast for them  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide  
'Til their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them  
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Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord  
If You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart  
I will hold Your people in my hear

*Dan Schutte*

**READING: Isaiah 55:1-9 [Diane Ammundsen]**

**REFLECTION.**

**HYMN: AS THE DEER PANTS**

As the deer pants for the water  
So my soul longs after Thee  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee  
You alone are my Strength, my Shield  
To You alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee.

You're my Friend and You are my Brother  
Even though You are a King  
I love You more than any other  
So much more than anything  
You alone are my Strength, my Shield  
To You alone may my spirit yield

You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee.

I want You more than gold or silver  
Only You can satisfy  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
And the apple of my eye  
You alone are my Strength, my Shield  
To You alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee.

*Robin Mark.*

**READING: Psalm 63:1-8 [Ken Milne]**

*A psalm of David. When he was in the Desert of Judah.*

- <sup>1</sup> You, God, are my God,  
earnestly I seek you;  
I thirst for you,  
my whole being longs for you,  
in a dry and parched land  
where there is no water.
- <sup>2</sup> I have seen you in the sanctuary  
and beheld your power and your glory.
- <sup>3</sup> Because your love is better than life,  
my lips will glorify you.
- <sup>4</sup> I will praise you as long as I live,  
and in your name I will lift up my hands.
- <sup>5</sup> I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;  
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.
- <sup>6</sup> On my bed I remember you;  
I think of you through the watches of the night.
- <sup>7</sup> Because you are my help,  
I sing in the shadow of your wings.
- <sup>8</sup> I cling to you;  
your right hand upholds me.

## REFLECTION.

### HYMN: THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD WOC 16 [Crimond]

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

2

My soul He doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own name's sake.

3

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

4

My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

5

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me,  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling-place shall be.

### GOSPEL READING: LUKE 13: 1-9 [Diane Ammundsen]

## REFLECTION.

### INTERCESSIONAL: PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE[ Mike Copeland.]

## **OFFERING**

**Prayer [together]:**

**As we bring our offerings to you,**

**we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us.**

**May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our God.**

**Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honour, and power and strength,**

**be unto you our God forever and ever.**

**Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER [sung] WOV 676**

### **A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and DEDICATION:**

**You have come close to each of us.**

**You have extended to us your own special love,**

**and have given to us such special gifts.**

**Thank you God for these.**

**Thank you for all the other gifts that are present in these people around me.**

**Together we are a gifted people: Your people.**

**You gave us these gifts for a purpose.**

**They are to be used by us, to serve the needs of others.**

**Give us courage, Lord, and the confidence too,**

**to take these gifts with us when we leave today.**

**Open our eyes and hearts to those we meet.**

**Help us to see their need, and to show your love,**  
and to use Your gifts that are invested in us,  
**and to bring them hope, and life.**

**Amen.**

**HYMN: LORD JESUS CHRIST WOV 451**

Lord Jesus Christ  
**You have come to us**  
You are one with us  
Mary's Son  
Cleansing our souls from all their sin  
Pouring Your love and goodness in  
Jesus, our love for you we sing  
Living Lord

Lord Jesus Christ  
**Now and every day**  
Teach us how to pray  
Son of God  
You have commanded us to do  
This in remembrance Lord of you  
Into our lives your power breaks through  
Living Lord

Lord Jesus Christ  
**You have come to us**  
Born as one with us  
Mary's Son  
Led out to die on Calvary  
Risen from death to set us free

Living Lord Jesus, help us see  
You are Lord

Lord Jesus Christ

**I would come to you**

live my life for you

Son of God

All your commands I know are true

Your many gifts will make me new

Into my life your power breaks through

Living Lord

*P R N Appleford*

**BLESSING [ together]**

**Teach me to serve as thou deserve**

**To give and not to count the cost,**

**To fight and not to heed the wounds,**

**To labour and not to seek to rest,**

**To give of myself and not ask for a reward,**

**Except the reward of knowing that I am doing your will.**

St. Ignatius of Loyola.

**SUNG: AMEN**