



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

## 10am – Sunday 1 September 2024

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Season of Creation: Planet Earth Sunday

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Pre-service "*Largo*" from '*New World*', Op. 95, Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)

**Introit** "*For the beauty of the earth*" text Foliott Pierpoint, music John Rutter (1980)

### Greeting and Introduction

#### Call to Worship

Creator God, you give us a world to enjoy;  
we want to live responsibly in it.  
You give us the raw materials of life;  
we want to create a life which is good.  
Your give us skills, talents, and abilities;  
we want to use them for the good of all.

**Creative God, turn our wanting into longing,  
and our longing into action.**

#### Hymn

1 God you spin the whirling planets  
Fill the seas and spread the plain  
Mold the mountains fashion blossoms  
Call forth sunshine wind and rain  
We created in your image  
Would a true reflection be  
Of your justice grace and mercy  
And the truth that makes us free

2 You have called us to be faithful  
In our life and ministry  
We respond in grateful worship  
Joined in one community  
When we blur your gracious image  
Focus us and make us whole  
Healed and strengthened as your people  
We move onward toward your goal

(tune: *Austrian Hymn* - CH4 738) - Jane Huber Parker

3 God your will is still creating  
Calling us to life made new  
Now reveal to us fresh vistas  
Where there's work to dare and do  
Keep us clear of all distortion  
Fashion us with loving care  
Thus new creatures in your image  
We'll proclaim Christ everywhere

## Passing of the Peace

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'

May the Shalom of Jesus Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please stand and make a gesture of peace towards people around you*

## Focus: Father's Day

### Hymn

1 This is my Father's world,  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world,  
The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world,  
He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;  
He speaks to me everywhere.

(tune: *Terra Beata*) - Maltbie Davenport Babcock

3 This is my Father's world.  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so  
strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world:  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!  
God reigns; let the earth be glad!

### First Bible Reading: Psalm 15

Hear what the Spirit is saying. **Thanks be to God.**

### Second Bible Reading: James 1: 17-27

In this is the Word of God. **Praise to Christ the Word.**

## Contemporary Reflection

### Hymn

(tune: *Thornbury* - CH4 511) - Shirley Erena Murray

*At the conclusion of this Hymn, a basket of donated items for the Presbyterian Support foodbank will be brought forward and dedicated. If you wish to contribute financially to the work of Knox Church there are several options, including Eftpos at the door of the church and via our direct debit donation system. Cash offerings can be put in one of the donation boxes at the back of the church as you leave. Thank you for your support.*

1 Here in the busy city  
now let the Church be seen  
where lesser gods are worshiped  
in money and machine;  
where news is but sensation,  
the Good News hardly heard –  
now let the Church take action  
in living out the Word!

2 In policies and planning  
the Church be there to speak  
to moderate the powerful,  
to argue for the weak:  
where law must sit in judgment  
and love is little known,  
there at the crisis centre  
the Christ concern be shown.

3 Where litter chokes the gutter  
and people go to waste,  
where joblessness is bitter  
and living lost its taste –  
to under-leavened people  
be proof of rising yeast,  
in lives devoid of flavour  
be saltiness released!

4 Here in the busy city  
God walks on every street  
in generous or greedy,  
the honest or the cheat,  
and daily we must offer  
the good that goes unpriced  
with vigour and with vision –  
the lifestyle of the Christ.

## **Dedication of the offering**

**Anthem** "*Creations Hymn*" Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827), text: F Gellert, translated: J Troutbeck  
Carolyn Schmid/ organ

## **Prayers of the people, concluding with the Sung Lord's Prayer**

AA 112 – Richard Gillard & John Smith, arr. Guy Jansen

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours now and forever. Amen**

## **Notices**

## Hymn

1 Guide me, O my great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,  
where the healing waters flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
ever be my strength and shield,  
ever be my strength and shield.

(tune: *Cwm Rhondda* - CH4 113) - William Williams, 1745

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever sing to you,  
I will ever sing to you.

## Commissioning

## Benediction

## Three fold Amen

Postlude *Movt IV Symphony No. 9 in E minor, 'New World'*, Op. 95, Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)

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**Evening service – 7pm – *Springtime Jesus* – led by Tui Bevin**  
in the Gathering Area

### Serving today

Member – Carol Grant  
Organist and Choir Director - Karen Knudson  
Reader – Barry Brown  
Prayer – Helen Thew  
Welcoming team – Helen Thew's team  
Counting team – Royden Somerville

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- *Give into the offering boxes at the back of the church or using the Paywave when you arrive or as you leave.*