



# KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

*growing in courage to live the Jesus way*

10am – 4 September 2016

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost – Ocean Sunday

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**Pre service music** “Magnificat” Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

played by Grace Togneri

“An Wasserflussen Babylon” (By the Waters of Babylon)

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

“Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam” (Christ Our Lord to Jordan Came) BuxWV 180 Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

## Welcome

### Introit “Earth Song”

Franck Tichelli (b. 1958)

## Call to worship

(from Psalm 139)

Kia noho a Ihowa kia koutou. May God be with you.

**Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.**

God, you have searched me and known me.

**Even before a word is on my tongue, you know it completely.**

How deep are your thoughts, O God! How vast the sum of them!

**If I were to count them, they would be more than sand.**

We approach you whom we only comprehend in part.

**We revel in the care you have for us and all creation.**

Let us worship God.

## Hymn “Psalm 139”

CH4 97 - Bernadette Farrell

1 O God, you search me and you know me.  
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.  
When I walk or lie down you are before me:  
ever the maker and keeper of my days.

2 You know my resting and my rising.  
You discern my purpose from afar,  
and with love everlasting you besiege me:  
in every moment of life or death, you are.

3 Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,  
you have known its meaning through and  
through.  
You are with me beyond my understanding:  
God of my present, my past and future too.

4 Although your Spirit is upon me,  
still I search for shelter from your light.  
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:  
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

5 For you created me and shaped me,  
gave me life within my mother’s womb.  
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:  
safe in your hands, all creation is made  
new.

## Prayer for Praise and Confession

People are invited to write prayers of praise or confession on the 'fish'. These will be pinned to the 'sea' at the front of the church. As the 'sea, is lifted the choir sings the Anthem "Atlantis/ Global Warming" words and music Abigail Knudson-Hollebon  
(Can you feel your future drown, can you hear me calling you?)

## Passing the Peace

### Hymn "God of the Sparrow"

(Roeder) WOV 22 - Jaroslav Vajda, 1983

1 God of the sparrow  
God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise

4 God of the neighbour  
God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace

2 God of the earthquake  
God of the storm  
God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature cry Woe  
How does the creature cry Save

5 God of the ages  
God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home

3 God of the rainbow  
God of the cross  
God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks

Reading      Jeremiah 18:1-11

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

Gospel      Luke 14:25-33

*This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ    **Praise to Christ the Word***

Sermon      Rev Dr Doug Gay, Stuart Residence Halls Council  
Distinguished Visitor,  
Principal of Trinity College Glasgow

## Hymn “As a fire is meant for burning”

(8787D) CH4 252 - Ruth Duck

1 As a fire is meant for burning  
with a bright and warming flame,  
so the church is meant for mission,  
giving glory to God’s name.  
Preaching Christ, and not our customs,  
let us build a bridge of care,  
joining hands across the nations,  
finding neighbours everywhere.

2 We are learners; we are teachers;  
we are pilgrims on the way.  
We are seekers; we are givers;  
we are vessels made of clay.  
By our gentle, loving actions,  
we will show that Christ is light.  
In a humble, listening Spirit,  
we will live to God’s delight.

3 As a green bud in the springtime  
is the sign of life renewed,  
so may we be signs of oneness  
’mid earth’s peoples, many-hued.  
As a rainbow lights the heavens  
when a storm is past and gone,  
so may we reflect the radiance  
of God’s new and glorious dawn.

## Prayer for others, then ...

**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 for ever. Amen.**

## Offering and Dedication *“God’s time is best”*

J S Bach (1685-1750)

*We recognise and bless the gifts brought to the table,  
and those which wing their way electronically from our banks to the Church’s account.*

## Notices

## Hymn “Lift high the cross”

(Crucifer) AA 87 - Shirley Murray

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ  
proclaim  
till all the world adore God's glorious name.*

1 Come, Christian people, sing your praises,  
shout!  
If we are silent, even stones cry out  
[Refrain]

2 Jesus, you wept to see our human strife,  
teach us compassion for each human life  
[Refrain]

3 Peace was your plea and peace your  
loving theme  
let peace be our passport, peace a living  
dream [Refrain]

4 Great is the cost of walking on this road,  
to follow and suffer with the Son of God  
[Refrain]

5 Worlds to be born and children yet to be  
come, take up this song into eternity  
[Refrain]

## Benediction and Threefold Amen, then Postlude

*“Choral Song”*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76)

## **You are invited to morning tea after worship, in the Gathering Area.**

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