KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

growing in courage to live the Jesus way

10am – Sunday 17 September 2017
The 15th Sunday in the season of Pentecost

Pre service music “O God our help in ages past” C S Laing (NZ composer)
“Rockingham - When I survey the wondrous cross” George Thalban- Ball (Australian composer)

Welcome

Introit “Kyrie - Lord have mercy” David Hamilton (NZ composer)

Call To Worship
Kia noho a Ihowa kia koutou. May God be with you.
Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.
No one is an island.
We are all joined in Christ Jesus.
Who else is like you, loving God?
Beautiful in holiness, awesome in love.
No one lives by themselves, no one dies by themselves.
Whether we live or die we are the Lord’s.
God is my strength and my song.
God has become my wholeness.
Let us worship God.

Hymn “Stand up and bless the Lord” (Carlisle) CH4 202 - James Montgomery

1 Stand up and bless the Lord;
all people now rejoice:
stand up and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.

2 Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear God’s holy name,
give thanks and glorify?

3 O for the living flame
from God’s own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought!

4 God is our strength and song,
and God’s salvation ours;
then be his love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.

5 Stand up and bless the Lord,
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless God’s glorious name,
both now and evermore.
Prayer, Assurance of Forgiveness, Passing the Peace

E te whanau, all are God’s beloved people. **Thanks be to God.**
Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou;
The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

**Anthem**  “Rejoice in the Lord always”  
16th cent anon.

**Conversation with young members**

**Choir promotion**

Today we celebrate Grace Togneri being promoted to the adult choir and Kate Tofia becoming Head Girl Chorister

**“Lead me Lord”**
Soloists Kate Tofia & Grace Togneri

Solo: Lead me, Lord. Lead me in Thy righteousness. Make Thy way plain before my face.
Congregation: **Lead me, Lord. Lead me in Thy righteousness. Make Thy way plain before my face.**
Solo: For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord only; that maketh me dwell in safety.
Congregation: **For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord only; that maketh me dwell in safety.**

**Hymn “God of Nations”**

WOV 677 - John Joseph Woods

1 God of Nations at Thy feet,  
in the bonds of love we meet,  
hear our voices, we entreat,  
God defend our free land.  
Guard Pacific's triple star  
from the shafts of strife and war,  
make her praises heard afar,  
God defend New Zealand.

2 Folk of every creed and race,  
gather here before thy face,  
asking Thee to bless this place,  
God defend our free land!  
From dissension, envy, hate,  
and corruption guard our state,  
make our country good and great,  
God defend New Zealand.

**Reading**  Romans 14:1-12

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church  Thanks be to God*
Gospel  
Matthew 18:21-35  
*This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ*  
*Praise to Christ the Word*

**Housing**  
Prayer

**Criminal Justice**  
Prayer

**Children**  
Prayer

**Hymn “Inspired by love and anger”**  
(Salley Gardens) CH4 253 - John Bell & Graham Maule

1 Inspired by love and anger,  
disturbed by need and pain,  
informed of God’s own bias,  
we ponder once again:  
‘How long must some folk suffer?  
How long can few folk mind?  
How long dare vain self-interest  
turn prayer and pity blind?’

2 From those forever shackled  
to what their wealth can buy,  
the fear of lost advantage  
provokes the bitter cry,  
‘Don’t query our position!  
Don’t criticize our wealth!  
Don’t mention those exploited  
by politics and stealth!’

3 To God who through the prophets  
proclaimed a different age,  
We offer earth’s indifference,  
its agony and rage:  
‘When will the wrongs be righted?  
When will the kingdom come?  
When will the world be generous  
to all instead of some?’

4 Amused in someone’s kitchen,  
asleep in someone’s boat,  
Attuned to what the ancients exposed,  
proclaimed and wrote,  
A saviour without safety,  
a tradesman without tools  
Has come to tip the balance  
with fishermen and fools.

**Social Hazards**  
Prayer

**Notices**
Offering and Dedication “Waltz”  
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

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.

Hymn “Where mountains rise to open skies”  
AA 155 - Shirley Murray

1 Where mountains rise to open skies  
your name, O God, is echoed far,  
from island beach to kauri’s reach,  
in water’s light, in lake and star.

2 Your people’s heart, your people’s  
part be in our caring for this land,  
for faith to flower, for aroha  
to let each other’s mana stand.

3 From broken word, from conflict stirred,  
from lack of vision, set us free  
to see the line of your design,  
to feel creation’s energy.

4 Your love be known, compassion shown,  
that every child have equal scope:  
in justice done, in trust begun shall be  
our heritage and hope.

5 Where mountains rise to open skies  
your way of peace distil the air,  
your spirit bind all humankind,  
one covenant of life to share!

Benediction, then Postlude  
Grand Choeur in B flat major from 'Douze Pieces Pour Orgue'  
Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

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

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