



*Time of remembering...  
We honour the memory of those  
who have died in the past year*

## **Welcome**

**Reflective Music** - Robyn Allen-Goudge

**Kupu Whakapuare** - Opening words

Leader: Family and friends of those who have died,  
you have come at the invitation of Conference.  
You have come bearing another in your heart to find a  
place where you both belong.  
You and your loved ones are welcome.  
As you woke to God's world this morning  
So be aware of God's loving presence now.

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Kia Karakia Tatou** - Call to worship

Leader: In your image we are made, Creator God,

**People: male and female, young and old,  
We are your creation.**

Leader: You took on our life, Jesus Christ.

**People: We find you here,  
in truth and grace within ourselves.**

Leader: You lead us on, Holy Spirit,

**People: through all the threads of life, in pain and joy.  
Thanks be to God!**

## Inoi - Prayer - Based on Psalm 139

Leader: Loving God,  
You have searched each of us and you know us  
You are familiar with our ways.  
In your rhythm of life each finds our place.  
You are never far from us.  
If we experience a touch of heaven you are found there.  
Should we feel completely forsaken, we turn only to find you there also.  
If we take the wings of the morning, and fly as far as we can go, even there your hands will guide us, your hands will hold us fast.  
You are with us in this unfamiliar place as you are with those we love and cherish.  
You are the God in whom we live, and move, and have our being.  
Be known to us and let your light shine within us.

People: **Amen**

*Silent reflection.*

Leader: Today, we take time to remember those members of our Church family who have died in the past year.

We give thanks to God for their life and witness and the contribution each has made to The Methodist Church of New Zealand:

*Violet June Bickers*

*Juanita Ngauta Bishop*

*Clive Cotton*

*Vera Dowie*

*Kenneth (Ken) Mervyn Fay*

*Stanley (Stan) Charles Hunt*  
*Malvern (Mal) Lloyd*  
*Margaret Alice McCully*  
*Robert (Bob) Moore MBE*  
*David Siamani Alalafaga Palelei*  
*Donald (Don) Prince*  
*Mervyn S Rosser*  
*Trevor Shepherd*  
*Alan Robert Speirs*  
*Pue Barry Whakaruru*  
*Ruby Margaret Winikerei*  
*Dame Dorothy Winstone*

## **Inoi - Prayer**

Leader: Loving Christ,  
You have carried us in our grief and walked beside  
us in our healing.  
In our night-time you have been our candle, in  
loneliness, our quiet assurance that all will be well.  
In days to come, be our companion, the presence  
wherever two or three are gathered in your name.  
Be in our living, our moving and being.  
Care for our loved ones.

People: **Amen**

## **Himene - Hymn - Give Thanks for Life**

Give thanks for life,  
the measure of our days  
mortal we pass through  
beauty that decays,  
yet sing to God our hope,  
our love, our praise,  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Give thanks for those  
who made their life a light  
caught from the Christ-flame,  
bursting through the night,  
who touched the truth,  
who burned for what is right,  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

And for our own,  
our living and our dead,  
thanks for the love by  
which our life is fed,  
a love not changed by time  
or death or dread  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Give thanks for hope,  
that like the wheat, the grain  
lying in darkness  
does its life retain,  
in resurrection  
to grow green again.  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Shirley Murray (Alleluia Aotearoa #45)*

## **Manaakitanga - Blessing**

Leader: We come to a close as we came to the beginning,  
blessed by God's presence in all we do.

**People: We return to our homes and familiar places filled with  
the hope and love of Christ.**

Leader: Go into this day with a lifting of the heart  
And may the God of grace go with you  
throughout all of life. Amen