

**We will sing today - Yay!** - You can burst forth in song if you are wearing a mask. Disposable masks are available for anyone who needs one.



**Congregational AGM** This is coming up on 4 October. If you have not sent your Annual Report to Rev Shelley, please send it immediately so it can be included in the booklet.

### A lighter moment

**A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing.** She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said "But no-one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

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## Order of Service and Newsletter – 20 September 2020

### METHODIST PARISH OF TE AWAMUTU, PIRONGIA, OTOROHANGA

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#### **Call to Worship**

Call all the labourers, O God,  
Call your labourers who woke early,  
**Call your labourers who came late,**

Call your labourers who feel wronged,  
Call your labourers who feel overlooked,  
**Call your labourers who have no employment,**

Call your labourers who can't feed their children with this wage,  
Call your labourers who know they are working in your fields,  
**Call your labourers who use their wage to increase your love,**

Call all your labourers, O God,  
Tell us to roll up our sleeves  
**For we know that we have work to do.**

Let us find you in the work we share here and now,  
In Christ's presence we pray. **Amen**

**Hymn** Will you come and follow me? (Folder 135)

#### Welcome/Notices

#### Prayer of Approach

We have paused our labour and come here hungry.

**Hungry for nourishment for our hearts,**

**Hungry for companionship in worship.**

We have paused our labour and come here seeking.

**Seeking grace and peace,**

**Seeking time with You.**

We have pause our labour and come here needing.

**Needing to feel closer to You,**

**Needing each other.**

We have paused our labour and come.

**Hymn** Give thanks for life (Folder 128)

**Readings** Exodus 16: 2-15

Matthew 20: 1-16

#### Reflection

#### Intercessory Prayers

**Lord's Prayer** The Millennium Hymn (Folder 118)

**Offering:** God, from the earth you have created,  
from the labours of our hearts and hands,  
we offer these gifts, these earthly things.  
Bless these humble gifts.  
May they be used to further the kingdom of love  
Established in your name. Amen

**Hymn** Tell out my Soul (WoV 109)

#### Blessing and Grace

**Leader:** Go out from here and labour with joy, begin anew, begin again  
Create, Sing. Dance. Smile. Know you go with the love of God  
with \_\_\_\_\_ every step you take and in all you do. Amen

**Bless each other with the Grace**

#### Lectionary Readings for this Sunday:

**Exodus 16.2-15** The Israelites complain to Moses and Aaron that they are starving in the desert. God sends quails, and manna from heaven.

**Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45** A psalm in praise of the Lord who led the Israelites from Egypt, performed miracles to provide food and water for them, and gave them the lands of other people.

**Philippians 1.21-30** For Paul, who is in jail, living means living for Christ and dying means to be with Christ. "You must live in a way that brings honour to the good news about Christ."

**Matthew 20.1-16** Jesus tells a story about the owner of a vineyard who showed his generosity by paying some of his workers above what they deserved. Other workers were jealous. Jesus says that this is what the kingdom of heaven is like.

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**25 - Friday** - wwwexplore 6pm - (if on level 1)  
**27** Rev Shelley - 4th Sunday in Creation - River  
**Oct 4** Rev Shelley – Communion – St Francis of Assisi Day  
**11** Elaine Diprose  
**18** Michael Templer  
**25** Rev Shelley

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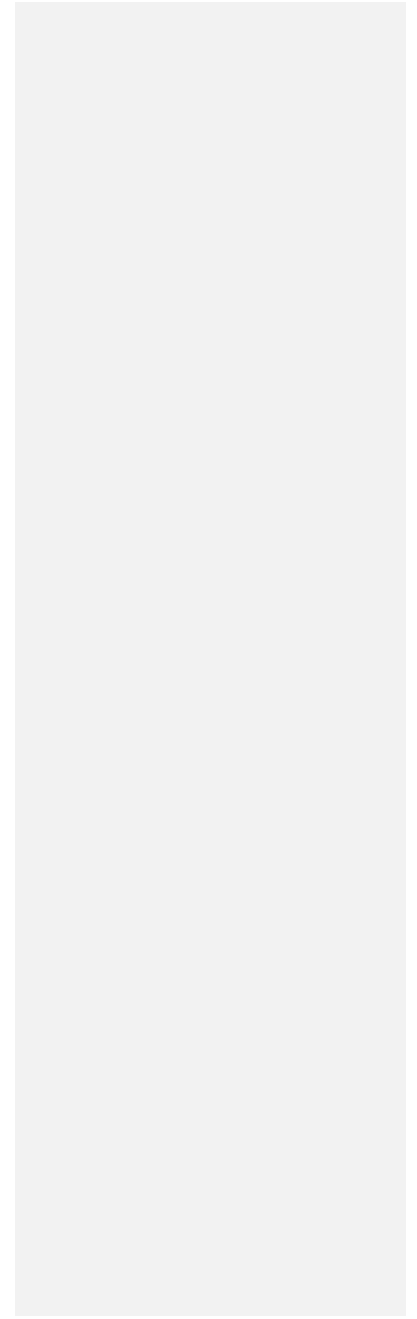
#### Prayers for Others



**For people in hospital or recovering at home**

**For people everywhere who are affected by natural disasters – fire, floods, diseases.**

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