



Virtual Service Sunday 13 February 2022

2 Corinthians 4:1-7, 'We hold this treasure in clay pots'.

Call to Worship

(Brian Michell)

Come, let us bow down in worship,

Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker,

For he is our God

And we are the people of his pasture,

The flock under his care

Psalm 95:6-7a

Prayer

(Brian Michell)

Almighty God, our loving heavenly Father, we worship you and bring you our praise and thanks. We acknowledge your greatness as the Creator God and Lord over all, and your mercy towards us and in our lives.

We therefore worship you for all that you are and thank you for all that you have done – for humanity, for us, and for those around us. We praise you and thank you for your grace and salvation and ask that you will help us to so live that we show and share the good news of your love and mercy through Jesus so that those around us will see you and be drawn by your Holy Spirit to come to you.

We commit our time together to you now and pray that you will speak to us and continue your work of grace in us and through us, for your glory and the accomplishment of your good purposes.

We come to you through Jesus our Saviour and Lord,

Amen

Welcome!

(Larry Robbins)

Pastor Brian is on leave for the next two weeks and we are delighted to have Brian Michell bringing us the message this morning.

We rejoice with Mils and Buddy Cadalina who became New Zealand citizens last month. Congratulations!

HYMN: I believe in Jesus

(Larry Robbins)

A basic statement of our beliefs.

[I believe in Jesus](#)

HYMN: Now Thank We All our God (Tune: GRACIAS)

Despite pandemics and setbacks, we have a lot to be thankful for. Let us thank our God through song.

[Now Thank We all Our God](#)

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Let us give thanks for:

Friends and family

Our church fellowship

Those who faithfully support the financial needs of our church and the missions we support

Our country

Our Queen, Elizabeth, her faith and the example she has set over her 70 year reign

Those who support this church week by week through the provision of flowers, as singers, musicians,
and leaders of various groups.

Please pray for:

Those in Tonga and Madagascar suffering the effects of natural disasters

Those in parts of New Zealand enduring the adverse effects of flooding

Those in areas of the world affected by wars and civil unrest

The Missionaries and organisations that we support

Pastor Brian and Jo that they may have a restful and refreshing time away

Members of our church family who are unwell, ailing, about to undergo major surgery, bereaved,
distressed.

The Mission Committee and plans for the Lenten Missions focus.

Those of our fellowship who are unable to meet with us due to their vaccine status, or concerns over
the current Covid restrictions. Pray that their spiritual needs may be met during this time.

HYMN: Blessed Assurance

(Larry Robbins)

We trust that you will enjoy this rendition of this favourite hymn.

[Blessed Assurance](#)

HYMN: HOLY HOLY HOLY (Tune: Tersanctus)

[HOLY HOLY HOLY](#)

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

Holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty,

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy; all the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy; though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity!,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Bible Reading

(Lois Michell)

Jeremiah 18:1-6

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD:² “Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.”³ So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. ⁴ But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me. ⁶ He said, “Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?” declares the LORD. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel.

2 Corinthians 4:1-7

Therefore, since through God’s mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. ⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

Sermon 2 Corinthians 4:1-7, 'We hold this treasure in clay pots

(Brian Michell)

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HYMN: Change My Heart Oh God

(Brian Michell)

[Change My Heart Oh God](#)

Benediction

(Brian Michell)

²⁰ Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹ equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

(Hebrews 13:20-21)