



Virtual Service 1 May 2022

Welcome!

(Larry Robbins)

It is good to have you joining with us for the worship service today, whether in person, at home, or wherever you are reading this. We pray that you will be richly blessed, no matter how you are participating.

In the actual service today we shall be congratulating Buddy and Mils Cadalina who recently gained New Zealand citizenship



[New Zealand National Anthem](#)

Call to Worship

(Brian Lima)

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.*

[Trust and Obey](#)

[Give Thanks](#)

We come today before you Father in the name of our Saviour, Jesus, to bring praise, glory and honour to your Name. You are worthy of all our worship which so bring willingly to you today.

We have a number of prayer requests to lay before you, but before we start, we look back to when Jacob was about to meet up with Esau who was coming to him with armed men, and he earnestly sought God's protection, and he pleaded, 'And Thou said I will surely do you good'. Oh, the force of that plea. He was holding God to His word. 'Thou saidst.' It shall never be said that God dishonours his bills. He is never too early or too late. If you have a divine promise, you need not to plead it with an 'if', you may urge it with certainty. The Lord meant to fulfil His promise or He would never have given it. So, when He speaks, it is because He means to do as He says.

Let us now look at the promises that God has provided us in Psalm 91 –

"Because he loves me," says the Lord, 'I will rescue him', I will protect him because he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation.

We now come before you, our Father, as your children, to spend some time interceding for the following people and situations that are of concern to us.

We pray for Nellie, David and Ruth, Pat, Amal, Jim M, Bruce, and Rob. Father these people have special needs which you are aware of, and we ask that you would bring healing, comfort and encouragement to each as you see fit. We also pray for Denys for ongoing healing after the recent surgery on his spine. We do thank you again that the delicate operation was successful.

We do now pray for our church, that you would be pleased to bring in more children, there are so many out in the community who do not know you apart from using your name as an exclamation point in their day-to-day life. Please hear our cry for them and place a hunger in their hearts to understand who you are and what your plans are for their lives. May their parents also have a desire to meet up with the Lord who gave them these children in the first place. We also pray for the Leadership team recently appointed. Give them the wisdom that they will need in the days that lie ahead for this Church. We ask for you blessing, guidance and wisdom to be made available for our Pastor, Brian and his wife Jo. Please keep them both in good health over these stressful times. We pray especially that Brian will have recovered from his recent time of indisposition with no ongoing effects. Please lead him by your Spirit as he spends time putting together the messages that he delivers to us. May we see and understand what he is endeavouring to place before us so as to increase our understanding of who You are and your plans for each of us and this Church.

We place before you the upcoming Local Body elections later this year, also the National elections in 2023. We do earnestly ask that Your will shall be seen to take place, as there are so many difficulties and problems laying in wait in both situations. Your will is always in the end the best outcome. We pray for peace in Jerusalem to return and that you would protect Israel from those bordering powers, to be restrained from endeavouring to destroy the nation of Israel.

Finally, Father, we bring to you the horrific situation ongoing in the Ukraine. Man's efforts to broker peace are seen to be failing, cities are being destroyed, people both young and old are dying needlessly, or having to leave their homeland Please speak to President Putin to cause him to bring this conflict to a close, and not to allow in to spread to neighbouring states like Moldova. For what we are truly seeing are young men dying for old men's wars. ---- We now lay before you the above areas of concern and trust that you will indeed bring the appropriate answers to our

foregoing prayers based on your word in Ps91, that as we call upon you, you will answer us. --- We know that there will be a response because in Jeremiah Ch 1 v12 you said that “I am watching to see that My word is fulfilled.”

To You now be all glory, praise and honour this day and for evermore in Jesus’ name. Amen

(Brian Lima)

[Ancient Words](#)

Bible Reading *Colossians 1:1–14*

¹ *Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,*

² *To God’s holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:*

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

³ *We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people— ⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace. ⁷ You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.*

⁹ *For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

Sermon: “Motivated by Grace and Peace”

[Read the Sermon](#)

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(will be posted on the website after the Service)

Lord's Supper

Take some food and drink and hold it up to reflect on. Look at the food and drink as if they were the food and drink Jesus held up to his followers.

Hear then his words to you.

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

The Lord Jesus...took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Eat and drink in remembrance of what Jesus has done for you, your loved ones and the world. Share your faith in Jesus and what he has done.

[This is My Desire](#)

Benediction

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14