

GISBORNE PRESBYTERIAN PARISH

*Matawhero Church – Church Lane
, Gisborne*

15 October 2023

Pentecost 20



**HIS STEADFAST
LOVE ENDURES
FOREVER**

We welcome all visitors to our service this morning.

Please sign the Visitors' Book and make yourself known. A toilet is located off the Hall .

*In our worship we use inclusive language as much as possible. Sometimes, especially in the hymns, this is not possible. Feel free to insert the language with which you are most comfortable. **BOLDED WORDS** are for congregational response.*

***Leader:** Deborah Loew-Black;*

***Reader:** Barbara Larsen*

We gather together as the people of God

Prelude

Welcome and Notices

(Offerings placed in the Offering bags as you come in)

Introit Just as I Am

Call To Worship:

Psalm 51: 10-12

**Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me
Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.**

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Prayer Intercession and World Peace

***Hymn**: The Church's one Foundation: CH 739

Prayer:

What is dull in our feeling,
What is hard in our thinking,
What fails in our willing,
We shall lift up
To fields of light,
Where the Archangel Michael,
master over the dragon,
Summons our thinking
To move in God's Glory'
calls to our feeling,
To live in God's Presence,
That we may waken
our deepest will
To serve with him
The Son of God.

Hymn: Jesus calls me o'er the tumult CH 3 509

Prayer of Confession: Joy Cowley

Leader: Jesus says, "come follow me"

All: "I say, Lord you are calling the wrong person. I am not the following type. It takes me all the time to stand on my own two feet."

Leader: And Jesus says "I love you"

I say "Now don't get me wrong lord. I do all I can within reason, but I can't afford to go overboard. I mean I have to live in this world."

Leader: And Jesus says "I love you"

I say" it's all very well to talk about love, but love is dangerous. It can get people crucified. At best it can be misunderstood. If I go around telling people I love them, someone is going to lock me up."

Leader: And Jesus says "I love you"

I say, the trouble is that I am not ready. Come back in a few years when I have my life sorted out. By then I will have something to offer you."

Leader: And Jesus says "I love you"

I say," Lord don't look at me like that. You are making it difficult. All right I'll spell it out. I am a sinner, I'd let you down. I'd give my life to you then take it back again. I'm weak Lord.

Leader; And Jesus says "I Love you"

I say" You don't understand what I am telling you. I'd deny you and betray you. They'd be times when I'd crucify you. And what would you think of me then?"

Leader: And Jesus says "I Love you"

Hymn: All my hope on God is founded

Readings: 1 Peter; 5: 1-10

Isaiah :26: 3-4

Reflection: (All to share)

“What helps to keep you Steadfast in your Christian faith”?

Offering: (Blessing)

**All: Use these, and use us; for the growth of Your kingdom
to reach and touch the hearts of others;
to continue to learn lessons from You;
and to live alongside one another.
All in the name of Jesus, our Master and Teacher**

Prayers:

The Lord's Prayer- All

Silent Prayer for those in need:

Blessing:

John14:25-27

**Christ said “In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good
cheer, I have overcome the world”**

**....”Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you, not as the
world giveth give I unto you.”**

**May the revelation of Christ
Shine out to the world,
Granting to the mind
understanding
as clear gold.
3- fold Amen**