



## United@9

**Lay Preachers' Sunday 10 August 2025**

**A Simple Service**

**Waikanae 10am with United@9**

**Musician: Janet Milne**

**Co-ordinator: Diana Roberts**



**Theme: Lay Preachers: Who? What? How?**

**Welcome.**

**Coming into worship:** We pray together:

God of brilliant sunsets and shining rainbows,  
God of golden daffodils and glowing autumn leaves,  
God of all the blues of sunlit seas,

God of all the shades of green in bush and field, in rivers and oceans and lakes, in rough stones on a beach and polished jewels in a showcase,  
God of people, brown and amber, pink and ebony,  
artistic and athletic, practical and visionary, compassionate and laughter-bringing,  
God who colours us a world of variety,  
We thank you that you have made each of us unique, that you call us to contribute our special colours to the life around us.  
We come to you in thanksgiving and worship. Amen.

*Beverley L. Osborn, Stewart Island/Rakiura, Aotearoa/NZ*

## **We Sing:**

**Noah Song.** (Tune: This Old Man)

God looked down, saw the land,  
Things were not as God had planned.

*Japheth, Shem and Ham, they worked very hard:  
Built the ark in their back yard.*

God said: "Noah, build a boat,  
Make it large then let it float.  
*Japheth, Shem and Ham, they worked very hard....*

People looked, gave a smile,  
"Noah's crazy by a mile!"  
*Japheth, Shem and Ham, they worked very hard....*

This big ark, it won't float,  
This is no place for a boat.  
*Japheth, Shem and Ham, they worked very hard....*

Then one day rain came down,  
Rain, more rain flooding the town.  
*Japheth, Shem and Ham, they worked very hard....*

All aboard, two by two,  
Lion, tiger, kangaroo.  
*Japheth, Shem and Ham, they worked very hard....*

"Thank you, God, " Noah said,  
"Now it's safe to go to bed."

*Japheth, Shem and Ham, you can have a rest.  
The ark you built is just the best."*

*Norman Brookes, With Heart and Voice*

## **"I am here because..."**

Noah responded to God's call. Each of us hears God's call differently. What has called us to be here today?

## **Meet the Preacher:**

Who? What? How?

## **Listening to the Bible:**

**Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23.**

"We are accountable  
to God."

**Hebrews 11-1-3, 8-16.**

Do we live in an age  
of faith?

**Luke 12: 32-40.**

Put first things first.

## **Building Worship**

Working together.

## **We Pray for Others**

## **We Pray the Lord's Prayer**

## **We Bring our Offering**

## **We Sing:**

**The Journey of life.** WOV No. 670

The journey of life may be easy, may be hard,  
There'll be dangers on the way;  
With Christ at my side I'll take courage as I ride  
'gainst the foe that would lead me astray.

*Will you ride, ride, ride with the King of kings,  
Will you follow my leader true;  
Will you shout hosanna! To the lowly Son of God,  
Who died for me and you?*

My burden is light and a song is in my heart,  
As I travel on life's way,  
For Christ is my Lord, and he's given me his word  
That by my side he'll stay.

*Will you ride, ride, ride...*

I'll follow my leader wherever he may go,  
For Jesus is my friend;  
He'll lead me on to the place where he has gone,  
When I come to my journey's end.

*Will you ride, ride, ride...*

*Valerie Collison*

## **Blessing**

May the love of God surround us like the constant song of the sea.  
May the chuckle of little waves encourage us in joy.  
May the boom of great breakers remind us of the power of God's love.  
May the crisp salt breeze bring us energy and the flying spray fill us with exhilaration.  
May the lullaby lapping of the calm sea bring us peace.  
May the pull of the tides draw us always to the heart of God. Amen.

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## **The Grace**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
The love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
Be with us now and evermore. Amen.

## ***Our Lay Preachers are: :***

*Fiona, Desmond, Tina, Evan, Sue, Paula, Mike, Diana, Barrie, Maureen, Carole, Kate, Syd, Heather.*