



The Footscray Baptist Church celebrates the God-given diversity of cultures. We welcome you to join us in the journey of faith, whatever your race, religion, capability, gender or sexuality.

Order of Service - July 25th, 2021

Opening Music Table of Plenty <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t8OPwPIKA>

Acknowledgement of Country (Cheryl)

For thousands of years Indigenous people have walked
in this land, on their own country.

Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives.

We acknowledge the Wurrundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and their stewardship
of this land throughout the ages.

We honour their history, their elders, past, present and emerging and commit to work
for reconciliation between all people, God and the land.

Welcome everybody to worship!

Lighting the Candle - Jesus said 'I Am the Light of the World' (Sunny)

Call to Worship

O Lord, all your works shall give thanks to you.

Lord, so we come to praise you.

O Lord, your works speak of the glory of your kingdom and they tell of your power.

Lord, let us see and hear of your works.

O Lord, your works make known to all people the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

Lord, let us speak of your works.

O Lord, your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom.

Dominion that endures for generations.

O Lord you are faithful in all your words;

And are gracious in all your deeds.

O Lord you uphold all who are falling;

And you raise up all who are bowed down.

All eyes look to you for food in due season;

And you open your hand to satisfy.

O Lord you are just and kind in all you do;

You are near to all who call on you. Amen

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, 2003 - based on Psalm 145:10-18)

Song: All Creatures of Our God and King

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q_RkzFZoxDo

Opening Prayer

Loving God,

We come to you in a spirit of joy and anticipation

With you we know we are liable to encounter the unexpected at every turn.

We thank you for your grace which breaks through barriers, challenges our
complacency, dissolves our despair and frees us for life.

You provided for the tired and murmuring in the wilderness and supplied manna.

You send rain on the just and the unjust alike

When the hosts of the wedding feast found they had no wine

When the crowds following you forgot to bring bread

You transformed tragedy into triumph

You provided wine of the best vintage and bread in abundance

We thank you for the invitation to share in your heavenly meal, where forgiveness and compassion flow.

With empty hands and broken hearts, God of the unexpected, to your name be glory and honour for ever and ever. Amen. *(Adapted from 'The Unexpected At Every Turn', in Be Our Freedom Lord p. 291)*

Bible Reading: John 6:1-21 (NRSV)

6 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. **2** A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. **3** Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. **4** Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. **5** When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" **6** He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. **7** Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." **8** One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, **9** "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" **10** Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. **11** Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. **12** When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." **13** So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. **14** When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

15 When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, **17** got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. **18** The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. **19** When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. **20** But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." **21** Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Passing the Peace

Shalom my friends
God's peace my friends
Go with you now
And stay with you
In all you do
Shalom, shalom.

Bible Reading: Ephesians 3:1-14 (NRSV)

3 This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— **2** for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, **3** and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, **4** a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. **5** In former generations this mystery was not made known to

humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in^[d] God who created all things; ¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. ¹³ I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory. ¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father.

Children's Talk: Jesus Feeds 5000+

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6rj9cAJrWE&t=53s>

Song: Feed Us Now

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=58U_jEkuyTY&list=RDGMEMMib4QpREwENw3_jAc0YgNw&start_radio=1&rv=7z3MtJbnXCU

Reflection: Giving All You Have (Cheryl)



(Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes - 5th century mosaic, Tabgha)

Prayers for the Church & World

Remembering:

- **Jonathan, born on 20/07/21 to Natalie and Tim**
- Those known to us who struggle with their health
- For those who wait to hear about their visas –
- The people of **Myanmar**
- The people in **Iraq & Afghanistan** affected by bombings on the eve of Eid this week
- Those affected by floods in **China & India**
- Those affected by unrest in **South Africa**
- The people of **Brazil, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran, Papua New Guinea, Philippines & Thailand** – as they struggle with ever increasing Covid cases
- For our neighbours at Westhaven
- Those who have Covid 19 – the vaccine rollout, treatments, testing, those living in lockdown in New South Wales and Victoria.
- Those affected by political unrest in especially **Afghanistan, Chin State, Colombia, Haiti, Kachin State, Karen State and Rakine State and all of Myanmar, Iraq, Lebanon, Russia, South Africa, Thailand, United States & Yemin**
- Global Interaction- the team working with the Khmer people of Cambodia

- Baptist World Aid – for provision and protection of families in Bangladesh as they combat Covid 19
- Our friends at Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope in Footscray
- Our friends in Kenya as they continue to grow their church

Silence – in the silence and through our minds and imaginations we bring prayers which words cannot contain:

(p. 56-7 A Wee Worship Book)

We pray for all people who live in conflict – conflict within themselves, with others or in their land. Especially we pray for the people of Myanmar, Iraq, Mozambique, South Africa. Grant them strength in their inner being by your Spirit.

We pray for all people who hunger for bread, for water, for justice. Grant to them people and nations who will share what they have so that they may know the breadth of your love.

We pray for those who wait – who wait for love, who wait for opportunities, who wait for peace, who wait for the future without hope. Grant to them glimpses of your kingdom so that they may begin to know the length of your love.

We pray for those who feel weighed down by troubles – troubles of their own making or that of others. Grant to them friends who will stand by them, so they may know the height of your love.

We pray for those who are lost, who are perplexed, who are disenfranchised, who are confused and who feel unloved. Grant them companions for the journey so that they may know the depth of your love.

And finally, we pray for each other – that we each may know the love of Christ which passes all understanding so that we too might be filled with all the fullness of God.

We pray all these prayers in the name of the one who taught us to pray.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, 2003 - based on Ephesians 3:14-21)

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen**

Song: Don't Be Afraid <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7e-c8NP7cY8>

Offering

A young boy gave you his five loaves and two fishes and when shared there was enough for all. Take these our small offerings and the lives they symbolise, so that when shared may there be grace enough. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Offerings can be made by using our direct debit facility or placed in plates at entrances and exits of the church

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News & Notices

- **Deacon's Meeting** – immediately after service on August 1st
- **Infant Dedication** – August 8th
- **Quarterly Meeting** – immediately after service on August 15th
- **Reflective Prayer** – Thursday July 29th at 5pm via zoom. Speak to Ros or Cheryl if you are interested and we can send you an invite for our meeting the following week
- **Bible Studies** – if you are interested in joining a group, please let Cheryl know.
- **Food Donations for Sanctuary** – beans, lentils, rice, pasta, tuna. Please no cereal as they do not eat cereals.

Song: We Are Called to be God's People

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6AE155aDgNQ>

Blessing (Sunny to help with blessing & then extinguish candle)

May the maker of heaven and earth strengthen your inner being,

May you grasp the breadth, length, height and depth of Christ's love,

May the Spirit fill your hearts with courage,

Now to the one who by the power at work in us is able to accomplish immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine, be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

(Based on 'More Than We Can Measure or Imagine' in Be Our Freedom Lord, p. 344)