



*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 - June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

Openings Music: Wait For the Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBb3fJIoNvQ>

### Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

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

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end.

**They are new every morning; Great is your faithfulness, O God.**

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, To the souls that seek God.

**It is good that we should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.**

**Let us worship God!**

*(Prayer by Chip Hardwick, based on Lamentations 3:22-23)*

#### Song: The Steadfast Love of the Lord

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

#### Opening Prayer

God of every moment,

We give thanks for interruptions,

- The ray of sunshine poking through the blind, reminding us of your warmth
- The child tugging on your trousers, reminding us to laugh and play
- The phone call whilst cooking dinner, reminding us that life is about more than food
- The car that cuts into our line of traffic, reminding us that sometimes we need to put others first,
- The person stopping us on the street asking for directions or money for food, reminding us others have needs too
- The news flash during our favourite TV show, reminding us that there is a whole wide world out there
- The knock on the door when we want to be alone, reminding us that you come to us in many voices

May we take each interruption and offer hospitality and compassion to the one calling us. Amen.

*(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, June 2021, based on Mark 5:21-43)*

### *Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15(NRSV)*

<sup>7</sup> Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you<sup>[a]</sup>—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. <sup>8</sup> I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup> For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup> And in this matter, I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— <sup>11</sup> now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup> For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup> I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup> your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup> As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

### *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: Mark 5:21-43(NRSV)*

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had crossed again in the boat<sup>[a]</sup> to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup> Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup> and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” <sup>24</sup> So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup> Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup> She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup> for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” <sup>29</sup> Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup> Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” <sup>31</sup> And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” <sup>32</sup> He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.” <sup>35</sup> While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” <sup>36</sup> But overhearing<sup>[b]</sup> what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” <sup>37</sup> He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup> When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup> When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” <sup>40</sup> And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” <sup>42</sup> And immediately the girl got up

and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup> He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

*Children's Talk: Generosity - The Rainbow Fish*

*Children's Song: We are called to be God's People*

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

*Reflection: If I but interrupt him... (Cheryl)*

*Prayers for the Church & World*

Remembering:

- Those known to us who struggle with their health
- For those who wait to hear about their visas
- **Natalia & Tim** as they await the birth of their first child
- The people of **Myanmar, Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gaza Strip & Jerusalem**
- The people of **Brazil, Fiji, India & Indonesia** (and family here in Australia) as they deal with the Covid crisis
- For our neighbours at Westhaven
- Those who have Covid 19 – the vaccine rollout, treatments and testing, those in lockdown in Victoria, breakout in NSW
- Those affected by political unrest in especially **Afghanistan, Chin State, Colombia, Kachin State, Karen State and Rakine State and all of Myanmar, Lebanon, Russia, Thailand, United States & Yemin**
- Global Interaction – work with the Ethnic Thai in Thailand & Khmer in Cambodia
- Baptist World Aid – grateful for those who support the work with those who live in poverty
- 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)*

God of the world, we continue to pray for that world and its people.

We pray for:

- Those who suffer in silence
- Those who have lost dignity
- Those who tentatively reach out in hope
- Those who we don't notice in our busyness
- Those whose illness means they are -
  - Fatigued
  - Depressed
  - Misunderstood
  - In chronic pain
  - Frightened
- Those whose needs are greater than our own
- Those who are not looking for the limelight but who nonetheless have need

May we follow in the footsteps of Jesus;  
Allowing others to interrupt our day  
Noticing others  
Acknowledging the needs of others  
Offering love and mercy to those we meet  
Showing dignity to all

And in so doing all might know the unending love and compassion of you, our God.  
Amen.

*(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, June 2021, based on Mark 5:21-43)*

### 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: Comfort, Comfort All My People

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8DXPAYWr-c>

### Offering

Generous God,

We bring you, our offerings. Offerings of money, of dreams, of lives. Take them and us and use it all to bring dignity to those around us in need. Amen.

*(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, June 2021)*

- 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

- **Houses of Hope** are very grateful for food and financial donations given to them last week
- **Deacons Meeting** immediately following the service
- **Bible Studies** – if you are interested in joining a group, please let Cheryl know.
- **Reflective Prayer** – Thursday July 1<sup>st</sup> at 5pm via zoom. Speak to Ros or Cheryl if you are interested and we can send you an invite
- **Food Donations for Sanctuary & Houses of Hope** – beans, lentils, rice, pasta, tuna. Please no cereal as they do not eat cereals.

### Song: Will You Come and Follow Me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o469PRLdbHU>

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

Go now into the world,

May God's loving embrace enfold you

May Jesus, turn you round and hold your gaze

And may the Spirit give you courage for the journey. Amen. *(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, June 2021)*