



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 - May 16th, 2021

Music: Guide Me O Great Jehovah

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wT4n1hGjDDg>

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

Our happiness comes from you O God

We will delight in your ways, throughout the seasons of our lives

We will meditate on your word

Watch over us we pray

Keep us like trees planted by streams of living water

Bring us to fruit in due season

We will continue to delight in all you are. Amen.

(Prayer based on Psalm 1, by Cheryl Williams – May 2021)

Song: Deeper River <https://youtu.be/qKOr0LFr680>

Opening Prayer

Generous God,

This morning we give you thanks for;

- Your word to us:
For the comfort it brings
For the wisdom it reveals
For the guidance it provides
- Your Son, the Risen Christ:
For all He reveals of your love
For the example of compassion He gives
For the challenge He offers
- Your Spirit
For the way she encourages us on the journey
For the prodding to try new things
For the way she takes away our fear

May you continue to reveal yourself to us in deeper and deeper ways, until we know we
have been and always will be held in the palm of your hand. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, May 2021)

Bible Reading: 1 John 5:9-13(NRSV)

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰ Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God^[a] have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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:

John 17:6-19(NRSV)

⁶ "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that^[a] you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost,^[b] so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Children's Talk: Unity

Children's Song: We Are Unity <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GMvAQXjQCDs>

Reflection: Sent Into The World (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
- The people of **Myanmar**
- The conflict in Jerusalem/Gaza Strip
- The people of **Brazil, India, Iran, Papua New Guinea & the Philippines** – as they struggle with ever increasing Covid cases
- For our neighbours at Westhaven
- Those who have Covid 19 – the vaccine rollout, treatments and testing.
- Those affected by political unrest in especially **Chin State, Kachin State, Karen State and Rakine State and all of Myanmar, Lebanon, Russia, Thailand, United States & Yemin**
- Global Interaction – that communities with whom they work might be transformed
- Baptist World Aid – parents in the world who do not see the importance of quality education
- 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)

Lord we pray now for your world.

We name the fruits of life for which we long

- Improved health for those who are unwell
- A cure for Covid19
- Solace for the anxious, worried, fearful and grieving
- Peace for the victims of war, conflict and violence
- Rest for the weary and overburdened
- Reconciliation between all peoples

We name the situations which we would like to see changed

- Peace in Jerusalem and Gaza between the Palestinian and Jewish peoples
- Justice and safety for the people of Myanmar
- Secure shelter for displaced persons and asylum seekers,
- Equitable sharing of resources – food, water, shelter, vaccines
- Care and respect for our environment
- Vaccine sharing between large powerful nations and smaller poorer ones

We name the change we would like to see in ourselves

- Growing in wisdom
- Practising unity
- Celebrating diversity
- Envisioning our future

We pray all this in the name of Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray:

(Idea for prayer taken from 'Prayers for Life's Particular Moments' by Dorothy McRae-McMahon, p. 77)

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: Bind Us Together <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHJJzD46-qU>

Offering

Generous God,
Take our gifts of money and lives. Take them and use us to bring unity into this world
of yours. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, May 2021)

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

Footscray Baptist Church

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News & Notices

- **Annual General Meeting** – May 30th, 2021, immediately following the service
- **Nominations for diaconate close Thursday May 27th**, forms available from Pastor
- **Nominations received thus far:**
Diaconate: Grace S, Ini Q, Marlene H, Becky M and Maxine G
Church Secretary: Ros Lam
Treasurer: Len Enriquez
Please note that Andrea McAdam, John Meadow and Tim Siu are not seeking re-election
- **Bible Studies** – if you are interested in joining a group, please let Cheryl know.
- **Reflective Prayer** – Thursday May 20th at 5pm via zoom. Speak to Ros or Cheryl if you are interested and we can send you an invite
- **Food Donations for Sanctuary** – beans, lentils, rice, pasta, tuna. Please no cereal as they do not eat cereals.

Song: Here I Am Lord <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcXOkht8w7c>

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

May God our creator, our Redeemer and Sustainer,
Be the truth on which our lives and deaths are built.
Be our hope that cannot be destroyed,
Be our freedom from which love and justice flow,
Be our joy that has eternity within it.

(Prayer by Terry Falla, p. 235 Be Our Freedom Lord)