



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 - October 10th, 2021

Opening Music: *My Soul Rests (One Hope Project)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=08w4Gk7PVe0>

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!

Welcome

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

Call to Worship

Ever living God,

You are the God of our childhood, the God of our end

We worship you, we praise you, we adore you.

Life is brief, our days are measured, we are fragile,

A gust of wind and it is gone

We worship you, we praise you, we adore you.

You encounter us in the ordinary

We see you in the earthly and transitory

We worship you, we praise you, we adore you.

A sound, a touch, a fleeting moment is filled with infinite grace

Your presence in every good and kind act.

We worship you, we praise you, we adore you.

Ever living God, from whom we come and to whom we go

We worship you, we praise you, we adore you.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, October 2021, based on 'The infinite in the ordinary' – Be Our Freedom Lord, p.42 and Psalm 90)

Song: *Lord for the years your love has kept and guided*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkTrFOLy6js&t=47s>

Opening Prayer

God of the impossible,

We thank you that all things are possible for you;

- Storms are calmed

- The blind see again
- The excluded are included
- The deaf hear once more
- Flowers burst into bloom in the desert
- The lame leap for joy
- Barriers are broken down
- The hungry are fed
- Those bound are liberated
- The thirsty are sated
- The untouchable are embraced
- Barriers are broken down
- Even camels pass through the eye of a needle

Help us believe that peace is possible,
 Help us believe that justice is stirring,
 Help us believe that joy is on her way.

Draw us into these possibilities and help us make them a reality.
 In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, October 2021)

Bible Reading: Amos 6:10-15 (NRSV)

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹ Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

¹² For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³ Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

¹⁴ Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.

¹⁵ Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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 Readings: Mark 10:17-31 (NRSV)

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.’” ²⁰ He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth

to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." ²⁸ Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹ Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Children's Talk: 'The Little Gate' by Nick Butterworth

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pBuKYAN4yTA>

Reflection: Doing the Impossible (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 –
- Students, teachers and parents as children return to school
- Those living with the effects of lava continuing to spill out from a volcano on the **Canary Islands**
- Those affected by floods in **Thailand**, earthquake in **Pakistan**, power blackouts in **Lebanon**, killings in a refugee camp in **Libya**, bombings in **Afghanistan** and increasing trouble in **Somalia**
- The people of **Myanmar**
- The people of **Afghanistan**, those who are displaced, those that are fearful, those in danger, those who have fled
- Political leadership in **Australia**
- **Fiji and Papua New Guinea** and their covid situation
- Preparation for the **climate conference** in Glasgow next month
- For our neighbours at **Westhaven**
- The increasing numbers of people in Australia who have Covid 19 – the vaccine rollout, treatments, testing
- Doctors, nurses, ambulance officers and welfare workers, all working to provide assistance in this pandemic
- Those living in lockdown in ACT, New South Wales & Victoria
- Those affected by political unrest - Kabul, Taiwan
- Global Interaction- the team working with people in Outback Australia and Thailand
- Baptist World Aid – children and families living with the effects of covid on their health, education and food security
- Our friends at Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope in Footscray

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

(p. 56-7 A Wee Worship Book)

Loving God,
We ask that you be gracious and establish your justice on earth.

We pray for the peoples of the world, for those

- Whose lives and lands are being destroyed by violence, poverty, exploitation and disease;
- Who inflict violence and injustice on others because of greed;
- Who are persecuted for their beliefs;
- Who seek to live faithful lives;
- Whose work enriches our lives, especially doctors, nurses, ambulance officers;
- Who have no meaningful work;
- Who lead or are responsible for others;
- Who are in trouble, in need or distressed;
- Who are frail, elderly or who need special care;
- Who are lonely, feel unloved, are sad or grieving;
- Who are confused, despairing, sick or dying.

We know in you all things are possible.

Grant them all

Justice

Dignity

Compassion

Understanding

Peace

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, October 2021)

Song: The Lord's Prayer https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NU_yFXnK7_Q

Offering

Take these offerings of our lives and money. Use them and us in such a way that justice, love and peace will flow into our world. Amen.

Offerings can be made by using our direct debit facility or placed in plates at entrances and exits of the church when we return to face to face worship

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News & Notices

- **Breakout Rooms** – immediately after the service we will break into smaller groups to chat and then come back to the bigger group. When asked on the screen all you need to is hit join. If you need to leave the meeting just hit leave.
- **Deacon's today** straight after church on zoom
- **BUV Annual Meetings** on Friday Oct 15th
- **Reflective Prayer** –Thursday October 14th at 5pm on zoom. Contact Ros or Cheryl for an invite.
- **Chat Groups** – whilst in lockdown an opportunity to catch up with each other on zoom. Based on attendance we will only continue the ones on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. If you would like to chat at another time, I will set it up. Emails with invites will be sent out each week and posted on facebook

Monday's at 2pm

Tuesday's at 7.30pm

Friday at 5.30pm

- **Food Donations for Sanctuary** – 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

Go now into the new moments of this day.

Greet each new experience as sacred.

Welcome the possibility of each second, each hour, with a deep sense of thankfulness.

And the blessing of God will surely pour down upon you, wildly, extravagantly, generously.

(Prayer by Rev Garry Deverell)