



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 17th, 2021

Opening Music: *Be Still and Know that I Am God*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7rG3O1qchA>

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!

Welcome (Cheryl)

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

Call to Worship

Let us who live with faith in God proclaim,

"Lord, You are our refuge and our fortress, our God we will trust forever."

Let us who trust in the Lord know that holy love surrounds us.

God's protection will follow us throughout our days.

When we call out to the Lord,

We know that we are heard.

God is with us in every trial and temptation,

Therefore we will rejoice in the salvation of the Almighty! Amen!

(posted on **Lectionary Sermons Archive** website. <http://www.lectionarysermons.com/ARCH-W.html>)

Song: *O Worship the King* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=We9aR22C9BI>

Opening Prayer

Loving God,

You call us to follow after your way.

Your way turns the world on its head

The last will be first and the first will be last.

Greatness is redefined.

Greatness is about compassion and service.

We thank you for the many examples of such greatness around us

- Doctors, nurses, paramedics,
- Care givers
- Garbos
- Teachers and educators
- Ecologists and scientists
- Members of the CFA, SES and life savers
- Farmers and vegetable growers
- Those who stack the shelves of grocery stores

For their compassion, their diligence, their selflessness we thank you

Give us the heart of a servant so we too might serve your world.

We pray in the name of the one who became the suffering servant for us, Jesus. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, October 2021)

Bible Reading: Mark 10:35-45(NRSV)

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶ And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹ They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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: Hebrew 5:1-10(NRSV)

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³ and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴ And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶ as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus^[a] offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Children's Talk: The Rainbow Fish

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFORvXhub28>

Song: Make Me A Servant <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YNTLiOhtMi4>

Reflection: Truly Great

Prayers for the Church & World

Remembering:

- Those known to us who struggle with their health
- For those who wait to hear about their visas
- Those affected by the bombings and killings in **Afghanistan** and **Lebanon**, the killing of the MP in **Britain** and those affected by floods in the **Philippines** and **Thailand**
- Those living with the effects of lava continuing to spill out from a volcano on the **Canary Islands**
- The people of **Myanmar**
- The people of **Afghanistan**, those who are displaced, those that are fearful, those in danger, those who have fled
- 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 **Victoria** and increasing case numbers
- Global Interaction- work amongst the disabled in Thailand and the work in Lebanon
- Baptist World Aid – Pray for women and girls throughout Afghanistan, for their protection, continued education and courage to dream about a better life. Ask God to provide flickers of hope each day as they confront new challenges and political situations
- 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)

God of all the world, we bring before you now that world and those who live upon it.

- For people that are forced into servitude by others be it countries, the rich or the fearful, help us liberate them.
- For those that are reluctant to give up the power they have over others, help us have humility
- For those of us in the rich countries, help us share.
- For the poor who have no food, help us share.
- For the sad or those who have lost heat, help us show compassion.
- For those who are lonely and without friends, help us embrace them.
- For the sick or those who have no hope, help us comfort them.
- For those who no longer love themselves, help us love them.

Give us courage to serve in a world that ridicules the server.

Grant us courage to follow the one who calls us by name and it is in his name we prayer and continue to pray.

(Adapted from a prayer in "Celebrating the Gospels" p. 102)

Song: The Lord's Prayer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SBoJ3s7ox8c>

Offering

God of Generosity,

Take our offerings of money, dreams and lives. Use them to serve the needs of those in our community and in the wider world. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, October 2021)

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.
- **Christmas Arrangements**
 - a) **Christmas Party** – Yarraville Gardens on either Sunday Dec 12 or 19, use the chat function to let us know your preference
 - b) **Services on Christmas Day (Sat 25th) & Boxing Day (Sun 26th)** – would you attend a service on both days? If not, which day would you prefer to have a service? Would you like to have one in person and one on zoom, if so which in person and which on zoom? Again let us know using the chat function.
- **Reflective Prayer** – Thursday October 21st 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: The Servant King https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A0FSZ_iSYO8

Blessing

God knows your name, and calls you to serve others in his.
Go then, to love and serve the LORD,
by loving and serving all of those with whom you share this earthly life.
And, the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you all, today and every day.

(From prayer by Derek Hughes, Church of Scotland, October 2021)