



*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: August 15<sup>th</sup> 2021

Opening Music: God Be In My Head

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TNNdXRX\\_-E4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TNNdXRX_-E4)

### Welcome & 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

Together we give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts.

**Lord, great are you works in which we delight.**

So full of honour and majesty are your works and your righteousness endures forever.

**By your deeds may all the world know of your grace and mercy.**

Ever mindful of your covenant your works are just and your word trustworthy.

**Holy and awesome Lord, you bring redemption to us and to all people.**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

**We come to you our Lord in awe and seek your truth by which to live. Amen.**

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, 2003 based on Psalm 111)

Hymn: Immortal Invisible <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pfu1dqKCGd8>

#### Opening Prayer

Loving God,

As we sing hymns and songs of praise we bring before you, thankful hearts.

We thank you for all that you have given us that is life-giving:

- **family and friends, laughter and love, fellowship with one another, new challenges set before us each day.**

We thank you for wise people and inspiring people who help us to live each day to its fullest:

- **for poets, artists, sages and pragmatists.**

We thank you for your word contained in the bible and in Jesus Christ your Son,

- **both which set before us a new way to live in love and peace with each other.**

We thank you for your Spirit,

- **dancing, comforting, swirling, challenging, inspiring and nurturing our hearts and imaginations.**

Creator, redeemer and sustainer, three in one and one in three be with us we pray and help us to hear your voice and encouragement in each other, in your word, in the gentle breeze, in all of life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, 2003 based on Ephesians 5:15-20)*

### Bible Reading: 1 Kings 3:3-14

Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. <sup>4</sup> The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup> And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

<sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup> I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. <sup>14</sup> If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

### Sharing 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:

Proverbs 9:1-6,

Wisdom has built her house; she has set up<sup>[a]</sup> its seven pillars.

<sup>2</sup> She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine; she has also set her table.

<sup>3</sup> She has sent out her servants, and she calls from the highest point of the city,

<sup>4</sup> "Let all who are simple come to my house!" To those who have no sense she says,

<sup>5</sup> "Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed.

<sup>6</sup> Leave your simple ways and you will live; walk in the way of insight."

## *Ephesians 5:15-20*

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## *Children's Talk: Solomon Asks For Wisdom*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9-4sGPeBuE>

## *Children's Song: The Wisdom Song*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_cQyWce1rWw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_cQyWce1rWw)

## *Reflection: Wisdom*

## *Prayers for the Church and the World*

Remembering:

- Those known to us who struggle with their health
- For those who wait to hear about their visas
- For our neighbours at **Westhaven**
- For the earth as **climate change** becomes more urgent
- Those affected by fires in **Greece, Italy & Algeria** and floods in **Turkey**
- Those affected by high summer temperatures in **Europe**
- Those who have Covid 19 – the vaccine rollout, treatments and testing, those in lockdown in **Queensland, New South Wales & Victoria**
- Those affected by political unrest in especially **Afghanistan & Myanmar**
- Global Interaction – new and maturing believers in Indo-China
- Baptist World Aid – Australian Christians building connections with those living in poverty. Give thanks for ways people are God's hands in world restoring places of brokenness
- 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)*

And we continue to pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray:

Only Wise God,  
We pray for your world,

We pray for leaders everywhere:  
May they govern with wisdom  
May they seek peace  
May they carefully discern all options

We pray for teachers everywhere:  
May they be diligent in their teaching  
May they listen to the insights of their students  
May they inspire all

We pray for people with big decisions to make:  
May they have the courage of their convictions  
May they act justly  
May they be sensitive to all

Finally, we pray for ourselves as we grapple with your word  
Give us new understandings  
Give us new insights  
Give us open hearts as we live out your word

*(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, 2021)*

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray ...

### 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=R5ml5RsD7jE&t=67s>

### Offering

Take these our offerings. Help us use them wisely to bring good news to all those around us. 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

- **Covid Crisis in Indonesia** - Would you give through our [COVID-19 Global Emergency Appeal](#) as we care for our neighbours in Indonesia?
- **Reflective Prayer** – Thursday August 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm via zoom. Speak to Ros or Cheryl if you are interested and we can send you an invite
- **Volunteering at Houses of Hope** – meeting on zoom on Monday August 16<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am if interested
- **Food Donations for Sanctuary** – beans, lentils, rice, pasta, tuna. Please no cereal as they do not eat cereals. This month we are giving donations that symbolise 'the bread of life' (pasta, rice etc)

Hymn: Be Thou My Vision <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jIMhshpf0Y4>

### Blessing

Go in faith to search for the wisdom of God.  
Go to find it in unexpected places and to lift it up in hope.  
Go because we might find it in the heart of a child.

*(Prayer from p 78 "In This Hour" by Dorothy McRae-McMahon)*