



Order of Service - June 14th, 2020

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.

Music - Come All You People <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sMZJFhhTr0I>

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country (Cheryl)

As we begin our worship, we acknowledge the Wurrundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, the traditional custodians of this land on which we gather to worship. We honour this history, their elders, past, present and emerging and commit ourselves to work together for reconciliation between all peoples, God and the land.

Lighting the Candle - Jesus said 'I Am the Light of the World' Call to Worship

We love you Lord, for you have heard our voices and our cries for mercy.

BECAUSE YOU TURN YOUR EAR TO US WE WILL CALL ON YOU AS LONG AS WE LIVE.

Lord you are gracious and righteous and full of compassion.

LORD YOU PROTECT THE SIMPLE-HEARTED; WHEN WE WERE IN GREAT NEED, YOU SAVED US.

You, O Lord, have delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears and feet from stumbling,

SO THAT WE MIGHT WALK BEFORE YOU IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING. FOR ALL YOUR GOODNESS WE WILL CALL ON YOUR NAME AND LIFT UP THE CUP OF SALVATION.

We shall, in the presence of others, fulfil our vows to you O Lord.

AND NOW, WE OFFER TO YOU OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

(based on Psalm 116)

Song - Meekness & Majesty <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qXggFYQQTJ0>

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, at this time we come together as one, even as we are gathering around our own screens in each of our abodes. Bless us in our places as we come to worship you. All across the globe, men and women, children and youth, are gathering in all places, in all languages, in all cultures. Pour out Your spirit upon Your church universal.

In these unforeseen times of uncertainty and global unrest, just like Francis of Assisi, we pray today-

Lord, make us instruments of Your peace;

where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

As we worship together, may we feel Your presence, know Your will, and have the courage to do what You are calling us to do.

We pray in Your Holy name. Amen.

Bible Reading: Genesis 18:1 - 15 (NRSV)

18 The LORD appeared to Abraham^[a] by the oaks^[b] of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. **2** He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. **3** He said, “My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. **4** Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. **5** Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” **6** And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures^[c] of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” **7** Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. **8** Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. **9** They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” **10** Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. **11** Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. **12** So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” **13** The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ **14** Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” **15** But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

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: Matthew 9:35 - 10:8 (NRSV)

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

10 Then Jesus^[a] summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’^[c] ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Children's Talk <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VrGkO8TOFck>

Children's Song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pmkGOTtvLcc>

Reflection: Mission - Entertaining angels? (Cheryl)

Prayers for the Church & World (Cheryl)

Remembering: CoVid 19 – for treatment and a cure, for countries experiencing increases in cases – Brazil, India and parts of Africa
Global Interaction – work amongst the ‘K’ people in the Silk Road area
Kenya, Sudan, Democratic Republic in Congo – where some in our congregation have family members
Race relations all around the world but especially Australia & USA

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, you have compassion on the harassed, on the helpless, on all. We pray that you Kingdom will draw near;

Draw near especially to those who:

Face conflict daily
Meet with oppression daily
Experience racism daily
Send us out with compassion to bring peace.

Draw near especially to those who:
In our community who are hungry and homeless
Have too much work or too little work
Lack support of friends
Send us out with compassion to bring peace.

Draw near especially to those who:
Are ill, dying or mourning
Are confused, traumatised, tormented
Send us out with compassion to bring peace.

Draw near especially to those who:
Care for the suffering - especially those global interaction works with
Work for justice – especially the places Baptist World Aid works in
Seek to understand the situation of others who are troubled
Send us out with compassion to bring peace.

Finally, we pray for ourselves – send us out proclaiming your good news, embracing those society has pushed to the margins, bringing solace to those experiencing dis – ease wherever they may be. Send us out with compassion so all might know your hospitality. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, June 2020)

Song: Lord Hear Our Prayer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t0aOG9AKbwg>

Offering

God of all people,
for all your blessings
and for the place we have in your heart
we thank you.
We offer the gifts
of our living and our lives.
Take and use us that others may see your glory
and give you praise.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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- Offering can be made in a couple of ways – put it aside and when we can gather again you could place it in our offering bowl in the normal manner. Or you could take the opportunity to use our direct debit facility – **Footscray Baptist Church BSB: 083 437 Account No: 515383063**

Community Time & Notices

- **Reflective Prayer** – Tuesday June 16th at 12.15pm via zoom, contact Ros or Cheryl for more details

- **Donations to Baptist World Aid** – currently are being matched \$10 for \$1 by the government if you give before June 30. <https://baptistworldaid.org.au/appeals/matching-grant/> Remember we support two children through BWA (if making donations via our direct debit, please specify that it is for BWA)
- **Next week** – the chaplain and some residents from Sanctuary will join us and share their stories
- **Baptcare Sanctuary** is very grateful for all the donations Footscray Baptist has provided in the last few weeks. They still need tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables especially red kidney beans and chickpeas, tinned fruit and tinned tuna. If you are able to donate any of the following items please speak to Cheryl and we can arrange for them to be collected.

They also need:

Basmati rice	Red Lentils	Yellow dahl	Cooking oil
Red Kidney Beans	Butter Beans	Chickpeas	Tinned tomatoes
Onions & garlic	Black tea bags	Instant coffee	Milk UHT
Tumeric	Cumin	Coriander	Biscuits
Tinned fish – especially tuna			
Fresh - bread, eggs, milk, yogurt, fresh fruit and vegetables.			

Song: Will you come and follow me <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o469PRLdbHU>

Sending Out

Go out into the world in peace.
 May the God of hospitality be with you
 May Jesus our shepherd go before you.
 And may the Spirit give you laughter. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, June 2020)