



May 10th, 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.

Order of Service

Music: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-b4BjxrIp8o>

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

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

Song: Halle, Halle, Halle <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hqCrc21nnOU>

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Call to Worship

We gather together to worship
our loving, nurturing God,
who, like a mother,
knows us intimately,
loves us unconditionally,
teaches us the way we should go,
and comforts us in times of need.

**Praise God,
The Source and Sustainer of life!**

We are the people of God.

Together we are family.

We are part of a family,
the human family;
the family of faith;
the family of origin;
the family of our choosing.

We are the people of God.

Together we are family.

Let us worship God together.

(based on themes from Psalm 139)

Song - Bring Many Names <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cRCTwSCA-xU>

Opening Prayer

God with a mother's heart,
you gather us as your children.
You comfort and hold us in your warm
embrace.
When we hurt your arms enfold us.
When we are afraid your wings
protect us.
When we are hungry you feed us with
the bread of life.
God with a mother's heart,
Your love surrounds and supports us,
In good times and in tough,
In the midst of joy and pain,
Always and everywhere.
You will never leave nor abandon us.
God eternal and loving one,
God with a mother's heart,
We thank you this day,
For being part of your family.

Prayer: Christine Sine <http://godspace-msa.com>
Artist: Emmanuel Garibay



Bible Reading - 1 Peter 2:2-10 (NRSV)

2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— **3** if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

4 Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and **5** like living stones, let yourselves be built^[a] into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

6 For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." **7** To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," **8** and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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 14:1-14 (NRSV)

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe^[a] in God, believe also in me. **2** In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. **4** And you know the way to the place where I am going.” **5** Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” **6** Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **7** If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” **9** Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? **10** Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. **11** Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. **12** Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. **13** I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Children's Talk - Jesus and the Children (Lost Sheep)

Reflection: Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled (Cheryl)

Song: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nO4ulyz_d90

Prayers for the Church & World

Silence: for people to reflect on the day/life/future/family/friends/wider world.

We pray for all who find Mother's Day difficult

- **for children estranged from their mothers by death, conflict or distance**
- **for parents who have lost their children**
- **for those who will never be mothers**
- **for those seeking reconciliation**

Grant each and everyone, comfort according to their need, may they know you to be a father, who in order to heal, kisses the wounded knee and may they know you to be a mother, whose song heals a frightened heart.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams)

Finally, we pray today for mothers around the world;

mothers who cannot feed their children,
mothers who are homeless or without a homeland;
mothers who must teach their children about the dangers of bombs and bullets.
Help us create a world where mothers can raise their children in peace and plenty.
God of mothers, who created mothers, who came as a child and had a mother,
God our Mother, loving us with a deeper love than we have ever known.
Lord take our thoughts, and turn them to prayer.
Lord take our prayer and turn it to love,
Lord take our love and turn it to Life
Lord hear our prayers this day.
AMEN

Song: Mighty to Save https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sR8rTIU8_Y

Offering

Lord, we thank you for the many gifts you have poured into our lives for those who love us and nurture us: for those who teach us to be loving people. Bless those people and bless these gifts that we may work for you, bringing healing and hope to our fractured world. AMEN.

- 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 – **Footsray Baptist Church BSB: 083 437 Account No: 515383063**

Community Time & Notices

- **Baptcare Sanctuary**
Rev Martin Reilly, chaplain at Sanctuary wishes to pass on his gratitude for all the donations Footsray Baptist has provided in the last few weeks.
They do not need any more bottles, jars or egg cartons for the time being.
However, 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.
- **AGM** – May 31st as part of worship service
- **Reflective Prayer** – Tuesday May 12th at 12.15pm via zoom, contact Ros or Cheryl for more details
- May is **Global Interaction** mission month, please see www.globalinteraction.org.au/InStep_ShortFilm

Song - Now Thank We All Our God <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mgo9hdwzRLg>

Sending Out

May the blessing of the God of Sarah, Miriam and Mary
The blessing of Jesus born of a woman
The blessing of the Holy Spirit who broods over us like a mother over her children
Be with you now and forever. Amen.

(Be Our Freedom Lord, p. 236)