

Footscray Baptist Church

Order of Service - Aug 21st, 2022

Songs

Amazing Grace, my chains are gone ([159](#)) [Amazing Grace \(My Chains are Gone\) - Chris Tomlin \(with lyrics\) - YouTube](#)

Wonderful Grace of Jesus ([159](#)) [Wonderful grace of Jesus - YouTube](#)

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 Candles: Jesus said: 'I Am the Light of the World'.

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord!

We will praise His holy name

Praise the Lord!

We will not forget your goodness

Praise the Lord!

Who forgives us and heals us

Praise the Lord!

Who showers us with love and compassion

Praise the Lord!

Who satisfies our every desire

Praise the Lord!

Who works for righteousness and justice

Praise the Lord!

Who makes His ways known

Praise the Lord!

Compassionate

Gracious

Slow to anger

Abounding in love

Praise the Lord!

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, August 2022, based on Psalm 103:1-8)

Hymn: Praise My Soul the God of Heaven ([159](#)) [Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven \(Acoustic Song Leading Video\) // Emu Music - YouTube](#)

Opening Prayer

Most remarkable God,
we give you thanks for all that Jesus was and all that he is.

Precious the fingers that anointed blind eyes,

**the hands that touched the diseased,
the arms that embraced little ones.**

Precious the smile that welcomed outcasts,

**the frown that rebuked the arrogant,
the voice that told parables.**

Precious the courage that led to Jerusalem,

**the faith that agonised in Gethsemane,
the love that suffered at Golgotha.**

Precious the lips that gave the Easter greeting,

**the mercy which restored ashamed disciples,
the Spirit let loose on the world.**

Our gratitude wells up, our praise we attempt to express, and our complete lives we offer
in a sacrifice of thanksgiving. **Amen!**

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Scripture Reading - Isaiah 58:9b-14 (ESV)

If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, ¹⁰ if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. ¹¹ And the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. ¹² And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in. ¹³ “If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honourable; if you honour it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly ¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

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.

Scripture Reading: Luke 13:10-17 (ESV)

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your disability.” ¹³ And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God. ¹⁴ But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, “There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be

healed, and not on the Sabbath day.” ¹⁵ Then the Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?” ¹⁷ As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame, and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

Children's Talk: All Bent Over

Song: Freedom is Coming [\(159\) Freedom Is Coming | Anders Nyberg | SATB Choir with Lyrics | Sunday 7pm Catholic Church Choir - YouTube](#)

Reflection: The Sabbath was made for Freedom

Prayers for the Church and World

Remembering:

- Those known to us who struggle with their health
- For those who wait to hear about their visas
- Our friends at **Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope** in Footscray
- Families attending the **'Come & Try' Playgroup**
- Peace in **Ukraine**
- Places of tension, unrest & conflict – **Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Gaza, Myanmar, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Syria, Taiwan & Ukraine**
- Places and people affected by Covid – especially those known to us & those grieving the loss of loved ones
- The peoples of **Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kosovo, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan**
- For our neighbours at **Westhaven**
- **Baptist Mission Australia** work and workers in South Asia, Silk Road Area and Thailand
- **Baptist World Aid** – with Proverbs 16:24 – Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body. Pray for young people here in Australia that they may hear God's call to help make a Better World

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 love, you have come to free us from all that binds and restricts. We pray for all those:

- Weighed down by oppression, tyranny and hardship
- Bent low under the weight of unrelenting daily toil
- Held hostage to addictions of all kinds
- Bound by the expectations of others
- Cowering in shame
- Brought low by racism
- Sad and disheartened
- Brought low with despair
- Struggling with pain
- Betrayed by others

- Disappointed with public officials

May they be relieved from their burdens, set free by love.

Free us to share the burdens of others, to offer compassion and care, following the example of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, August 2022)

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.
 Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Song: Don't Be Afraid ([66 Don't be Afraid - YouTube](#))

Offering

Take these our offerings, use them and us to free people for all that binds. Amen.

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

- **Quarterly Meeting** – today, Sunday August 21st immediately following worship in the Green Room
- **Bible Study and Baptismal Training** – Sunday August 28th, in Green Room following the service and on Sept 11th & 25th
- **Reflective Prayer:** continues on Thursday August 25th at 5pm on zoom. Please contact Cheryl or Ros for an invite.
- **BUV Advocacy and Justice Week** – September. During September we will spend each week looking at one issue they have identified
- **Orange Sky** – thanks to all who have helped over the last six months
- **The Sudsy Challenge (Orange Sky).** This is a fundraising challenge which I hope some of us might take up in conjunction with our Advocacy and Justice series in September



- **Westhaven Project Group** – Tuesday from 11am - 2.30pm In Green Room, come when you can and leave when you must. Bring lunch and ideas. All materials provided. We will also have a session on Saturdays once per month
- **Working Bee** – September 10th, more details to follow
- **Office Hours** – Grace will be in office on Tue, Wed from 10.15.am – 2.00pm. Cheryl will be there on Tuesdays and Thu/Fri mornings.
- **Food Donations for Sanctuary** – canned chickpeas, red lentils, tuna in oil, oil, kidney beans. Please no cereal as they do not eat cereals.
- Copies of the service and sermon can be found on our website.

Song: Lord of all Hopefulness [\(159\) Lord of All Hopefulness \(Slane\) \(Singing the Faith 526 / StF 526\) with lyrics and singing - YouTube](#)

Blessing

Having been welcomed with grace, let us go out this day.

We will go to serve all of God's children, deciding to meet them where they are.

Having listened to God's Word, let us go to share what we have learned.

We will go to stand with those who are uncertain about life, to walk with those who have stumbled on their journey.

Having been set free by the Spirit, let us go to be sisters and brothers with all,

We will go to release those bound by cruelty and injustice, to bring healing to those crippled by fears.

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