

Order of Service - Aug 28th, 2022

Songs

I Love You Lord (and I lift my voice) [\(170\) Maranatha! - I Love You Lord \[with lyrics\] - YouTube](#)

Act Justly [\(170\) Pat Barrett – Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly \(Official Lyric Video\) - 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

We gather today to worship the One who created us,

The One who calls us,

The One who equips us,

The One who loves us without end.

With joyful hearts,

We come to worship God.

(Based on prayer by Beth Merrill Neel)

Hymn: In Christ Alone (My Hope is Found) [\(170\) In Christ Alone \(My Hope Is Found\) - Adrienne Liesching | LYRIC VIDEO - YouTube](#)

Opening Prayer - Affirmation of Faith

You are our Creator,

You formed and moulded us before we were born . . .

You knitted us together too.

You are the remedy to our needs,

You are our soothing balm

You are the peace in our storms

You are that voice in the calm.

You are all the grace we need,

In You there's eternal life

You will shield and protect us through life's complexities together we'll get through.

You are the anchor of our souls, a safe place to run and hide for You will never forsake us . . .

You'll always be at our side.

(Based on 'A Love Letter From God' by Deborah Ann Belka)

Scripture Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14 (CEV)

One Sabbath, Jesus was having dinner in the home of an important Pharisee, and everyone was carefully watching Jesus.

7 Jesus saw how the guests had tried to take the best seats. So, he told them: **8** When you are invited to a wedding feast, don't sit in the best place. Someone more important may have been invited. **9** Then the one who invited you will come and say, "Give your place to this other guest!" You will be embarrassed and will have to sit in the worst place. **10** When you are invited to be a guest, go and sit in the worst place. Then the one who invited you may come and say, "My friend, take a better seat!" You will then be honoured in front of all the other guests. **11** If you put yourself above others, you will be put down. But if you humble yourself, you will be honoured. **12** Then Jesus said to the man who had invited him: When you give a dinner or a banquet, don't invite your friends and family and relatives and rich neighbours. If you do, they will invite you in return, and you will be paid back. **13** When you give a feast, invite the poor, the paralysed, the lame, and the blind. **14** They cannot pay you back. But God will bless you and reward you when his people rise from death.

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: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 (CEV)

13 Keep being concerned about each other as the Lord's followers should. **2** Be sure to welcome strangers into your home. By doing this, some people have welcomed angels as guests, without even knowing it. **3** Remember the Lord's people who are in jail and be concerned for them. Don't forget those who are suffering, but imagine you are there with them. **4** Have respect for marriage. Always be faithful to your partner, because God will punish anyone who is immoral or unfaithful in marriage. **5** Don't fall in love with money. Be satisfied with what you have. The Lord has promised that he will not leave us or desert us. **6** This should make you feel like saying,

"The Lord helps me!
Why should I be afraid
of what people
can do to me?"

7 Don't forget about your leaders who taught you God's message. Remember what kind of lives they lived and try to have faith like theirs. **8** Jesus Christ never changes! He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

15 Our sacrifice is to keep offering praise to God in the name of Jesus. **16** But don't forget to help others and to share your possessions with them. This too is like offering a sacrifice that pleases God.

Children's Talk: Party On

Song: *Come to the Banquet* [\(170\) Come to the banquet song by Fay White - YouTube](#)

Reflection: *Two Ways to Party*

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
- Those preparing for baptism
- Our friends at **Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope** in Footscray
- Families attending the **'Come & Try' Playgroup**
- Those affected by floods in **Pakistan**
- Trouble in **Tripoli**
- 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 **Laos, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania & Luxembourg**
- For our neighbours at **Westhaven**
- **Baptist Mission Australia** – Pray for those working and preparing to work in Thailand and Malawi
- **Baptist World Aid** – with Proverbs 16:24 – Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body. Pray for families everywhere to enjoy God's creation and learn to steward the earth together.

Silence – in the silence and through our minds and imaginations we bring prayers which words cannot contain:

(p. 56-7 A Wee Worship Book)

Loving God,
we pray for a world
where too often the loudest people
presume to be heard:
where money and power
turns up the volume,
and gentle wisdom is drowned out;
where greed is too often the creed,
and noise masks folly.

Loving God,
we pray for a world
where small voices remain unheard:
where poverty and powerlessness
mutes their sound,
and harsh folly prevails;
where need is a mantra-like refrain,
and compassion a compromised chorus.

Loving God,
bless them all:
the loud and the silent,
the powerful and the powerless,
but bless them differently!

Bless the loud and proud with humility;
bless the quiet and crushed with esteem;
bless the powerful with silence;
bless the powerless with sound.
Amen

(Prayer from Spill the Beans issue 9)

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

Generous God, we humbly offer these gifts in response to your Living Word. You remind us that extending radical hospitality has all to do with your love and nothing to do with our social status. If we love those outcast in our society like we have been loved by you, our world would be a place of true acceptance and abounding joy. May it be so today! In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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News & Notices

- **Bible Study and Baptismal Training – today**, Sunday August 28th, in Green Room following the service and on Sept 11th & 25th
- **Reflective Prayer:** continues on Thursday September 1st 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. Sept 4 – Creation Care, Sept 11 – Global Poverty, Sept 18 – Homelessness & Sept 25 – Aged Care
- **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. I am going to do the challenge on Sept 16-18, who would like to join me as a team?

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- **Westhaven Project Group** – Tuesday from 11am - 2.30pm In Green Room on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays in the month. 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. Dates are as follows: August 30th, September 6th & September 20th
- **Working Bee** – September 10th, more details to follow
- **Garage Sale during National Garage Sale Week** – at church meeting last week we talked about having a Garage Sale to sell books, extra furniture, cake stall and sausage sizzle. It would be held on either Saturday November 12 or 19. If you are interested in being part of a group to organise this please speak to Cheryl or a deacon today.
- **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: Brother Sister Let Me Serve You ([170](#)) [Brother Sister let me serve you song lyrics - YouTube](#)

Blessing

May we go from here to be the hands, feet, heart and mouth of Christ.

May we offer our time and treasure to those who need it without stopping to count the cost.

May we ceaselessly seek justice and pursue it.

And may the blessing of God Almighty,

Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer

be with us all, this day and always.

Amen

(Prayer from Church of Scotland, 2022)