



*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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

*Music: 'Jesu' by Gurrumul* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N4LjiiSlf8>

### *Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country*

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.

### *Introduction to service (Cheryl)*

Today our service will be a little different. Most of it will be in song. Six people will share on of their favourite songs and a little bit of what it means to them – that will be our reflection/sermon.

Enjoy!!

### *Lighting the Candle - Jesus said 'I Am the Light of the World' (Cheryl)*

### *Call to Worship*

This is the moment of singing, singing in joy.

#### **Let us sing to our God!**

This is the time to add to the melodies resounding in creation.

#### **Let us sing to our God!**

This is the hour of celebration for life in all its fullness.

Let us make music as an echo of Miriam and David and of all the voices and notes of joy down the years!

#### **Let us sing to our God, for this is the God of our salvation.**

*(from "In This Hour" by Dorothy McRae-McMahon, p. 16)*

### *Song - The Lord is My Shepherd (Becky)* <https://youtu.be/pN4tPkX0MG0>

### *Opening Prayer*

Let us celebrate and praise all those musicians and composers who give their hands and hearts and voices, to the expression of life's mystery and joy.

**Who nourish our heart in its yearning;**

**Who dignify our soul in its struggling;**

**Who harmonise our grief and gladness;**

**Who make melody from the fragments of chaos;**

Who align our spirit with creation;

Who reveal to us the grace of God;

Who calm us and delight us;

And set us free to love and forgive.

**Let us give thanks and praise. Amen.**

*(The Music Makers' by Michael Leunig in BOFL p. 89)*

*Song - Whom have I but you (Tim)* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TgiDmv233QM>

*Bible Readings: (NRSV)*

Exodus 15:20-21

**20** Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. **21** And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

2 Chronicles 5:13

**13** It was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the LORD, and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the LORD, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever," the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud,

Psalm 81: 1-3

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

**2** Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

**3** Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our festal day.

Psalm 150

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

**2** Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

**3** Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

**4** Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

**5** Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**6** Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

*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 Readings: (NRSV)*

Ephesians 5:15-20

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

Colossians 3:16

**16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

Song - I Surrender by Mr Bow (Gabriel) <https://youtu.be/lbPUgZZS2e8>

Children's Talk - 'The Old Man Who Loved To Sing'

Reflection: - Singing

Song - Shema Yisrael by Ben (Sunny)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9hdG1aXlExI&list=PLDF8861865D418D95&index=29&t=0s>

Prayers for the Church & World (

Remembering:

- Those known to us who struggle with their health
- Those entering their exam & assignment time, and their teachers
- Families of those killed in the storm in Melbourne on Thursday
- Those waiting to hear about their visas
- Those who have Covid 19, those in hospital and families who have lost loved ones
- For those living in aged care and those caring for them
- Our public health officers and Premier
- Health officials making decisions about our welfare, tracing cases and preparing for the next steps after Stage 4 lockdown
- Those affected by political unrest in Belarus, Hong Kong Philippines, Lebanon and the United States again
- Covid 19 – those working on cures, vaccines, treatments
- Global Interaction – work amongst the Khmer people of Cambodia
- Baptist World Aid – for the end of Covid19 for all & give thanks we can worship freely, pray for those who cannot freely worship God.
- Our friends at Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope in Footscray
- Our friends in Kenya
- Places around the globe with ever increasing Covid case numbers – especially, India, Philippines, South Africa and Vietnam

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

*(p. 56-7 A Wee Worship Book)*

Living God,

As we sing our songs of hope and joy, O God, we know others have little hope and joy.

Those who have little justice;

Those who feel wounded by life;

Those who are lonely;

Those who live with conflict;

Those who do not have enough money to go round;

Those who are exploited and ripped off.

May our songs energize us to share your grace and peace with them.

May our songs be not just words but be reflected in our lives.

May our songs bring hope into wilderness and desert places.

May our songs not be things to argue about, may they be an echo of your joyful soul.

May our songs bring life to others.

For you are the song and the singer,  
You are the melody of truth and compassion,  
You are the harmony of unity and reconciliation.  
Sing in us as we go, Jesus Christ

*(adapted from "In This Hour" by Dorothy McRae-McMahon, p. 16-17)*

Song - 'Get Along' by Guy Sebastian (Marlene) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-nd1nQgOr8>

### Offering

Loving Lord,

Take all our offerings of money and song and use them to make justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.

*(from "In This Hour" by Dorothy McRae-McMahon, p. 17)*

- 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 Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, at 12.15pm via zoom, contact Ros or Cheryl for more details
- **Bible Study Groups** – Currently a number of groups are studying mission in Matthew. If we would like to join a group or start a group speak to Cheryl. Study questions will be posted on our Website
- **Baptist World Aid** – Check out <https://baptistworldaid.org.au/> to see how you can support community volunteer health workers being trained to make communities Covid safe in Kenya and women in Kenya making masks
- **Baptcare Sanctuary** is very grateful for all the donations Footscray Baptist has made. When stage 4 lockdown is over will begin delivering donations to them again.

Song: Army of Angels (Diana) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vfilmES5ourl>

### Sending Out

Go as those whose voice sounds among the people in kindness and delight.  
Carry the music of God to those whose life is without a song.  
Go in confidence and faith.  
Amen.

*(from "In This Hour" by Dorothy McRae-McMahon, p. 18)*