



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 - February 7th, 2021

Music: You Raise Me Up <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QRjiVljRSQ>

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country (Cheryl)

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 Candle - Jesus said 'I Am the Light of the World' (Sunny)

Call to Worship

Lord God, you are without equal and none compare with you.

We lift our eyes and hearts remembering all you have created.

Lord God, you know your creation intimately and call each by name.

**We know, we have heard, that you are the everlasting God, the creator of the ends
of the earth.**

*Lord God, you do not faint or grow weary, in fact, you share that strength with the faint
and powerless.*

**We are here, waiting for you to renew our strength, to renew our hope and to renew
our love – so that we shall run and not be weary, so that we shall walk in your ways
and not grow faint.**

(Written by Cheryl Williams, 2003 – based on Isaiah 40:21-31)

Song: Tell Out My Soul <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9c-efcFTJU>

Opening Prayer

Loving God,

We give thanks for your goodness to us and to all the earth.

For the way you shower the earth with rain and sunshine.

For the way you feed the animals, even, the ravens.

For your steadfast love that knows no end

We give thanks for all who have followed in your way.

For those who have healed the broken hearted.

For those who bind up the wounded.

For those who lift up the downtrodden

We give thanks for those who have proclaimed your good news in word and deed

For those who have understood the situation of another and showed empathy

**For those who have dared to walk a mile in another's shoes
For those who have delivered your message with love.**

Accept our thanks and praise. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, Feb 2021)

Bible Reading: Mark 1: 29-39 (NRSV)

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸ He answered, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Passing the Peace (Cheryl)

Shalom my friends
God's peace my friends
Go with you now
And stay with you
In all you do
Shalom, shalom.

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16- 23 (NRSV)

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷ For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. ¹⁹ For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Children's Talk: What does it mean to walk in someone else's Shoes?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0jdQTWy0K4o>

Reflection: Walk in their shoes (Cheryl)



Communion Song: Come As You Are

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qD4KAq_W8tY

Communion

Invitation:

Come now to the table
To the table of hope, the table of peace, the table of love
Come now to the Lord's table to meet with him

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, Feb 2021)

Prayer of Preparation:

Loving God,
You spoke the word and it was.
You sent us many messengers to tell of your love.
Then you sent Jesus to share our humanity – God with Us.
In him you showed your love, as he taught with authority and released people from their torment.
In him, you taught us about justice, peace and love.
In his living and dying and rising again, you showed us a new way to live.
Pour out your Spirit on us, enable us to walk in another's shoes, so we may share your good news with others in ways that show compassion and understanding.
Make us bread ready to be broken for the world, make us wine poured out in service to you and others. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, Feb 2021)

Words of Institution: Mark 14:22-26

22 While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." **23** Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. **24** He said to them, "This is my blood of the^[c] covenant, which is poured out for many. **25** Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." **26** When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Prayers for the Church & World

Remembering:

- Those known to us who struggle with their health
- For those who wait to hear about their visas
- The people of Myanmar
- For those living in aged care, those caring for them, especially our neighbours at Westhaven
- Those who have Covid 19, those in hospital and families who have lost loved ones, those working on cures, vaccines, treatments. For places experiencing increases in Covid 19 cases
- Those affected by political unrest in especially Kachin State, Lebanon, Myanmar, Russia, Thailand & United States
- Global Interaction – pray for opportunities for workers to share faith with the 'K' men & women of the Silk Road area

- Baptist World Aid – pray for the safe return of children to school for those who are able to return after the pandemic
- Our friends at Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope in Footscray
- Our friends in Kenya as they build a new church building

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

(p. 56-7 A Wee Worship Book)

Gracious God,

We pray for all who are wounded:

- For the earth laid bare
- For survivors of violence and war

Take them by the hand and grant them peace.

We pray for all who are downtrodden:

- For those exploited by us, so we can have everything we desire
- For those who don't get a fair day's pay for a fair day's work

Take them by the hand and grant them peace.

We pray for all the broken-hearted –

- For those who grieve lost opportunities
- For those separated from loved ones

Take them by the hand and grant them peace.

We pray for all those who are unwell

- For the sick or dying
- For those disturbed in mind or spirit

Take them by the hand and grant them peace.

We pray for those seeking peace

- Especially for those in Myanmar
- For our Kachin brothers and sisters

Take them by the hand and grant us all peace.

We pray for those who are searching

- Searching for meaning
- Searching for contentment

Take them by the hand and grant them peace.

We pray for ourselves, take us by the hand as we walk a mile in another's shoes. Amen.

(Prayer is based on Ps 147 & Mark 1:29-39, written by Cheryl Williams, Feb 2021)

Song: Meet Me in the Middle of Air <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g34-nB3oym4>

Offering

O God, we offer these gifts and the service of our lives in response to the many blessings you have bestowed on our lives. You graciously bless our lives with the Holy Spirit who enables us to experience and proclaim the good news of the living Christ. Help us to be

bold and faithful witnesses to the gospel this day and every day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Prayer by Moira Laidlaw)

- Offerings can be made by using our direct debit facility or placed in plate at back of church

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News & Notices

- Services will continue to be zoomed as well as face to face worship
- **Reflective Prayer** – Friday Feb 12th, 5pm via zoom. Speak to Ros or myself if you are interested and we can send you an invite
- **Deacon's Meeting** – Saturday Feb 13th, 4pm via zoom
- **Pancake (Shrove) Tuesday** – Tuesday Feb 16th
- **Ash Wednesday** – Wednesday Feb 17th
- **February Quarterly Church Meeting** – February 21st immediately following church in the Hall to allow for social distancing
- **Food Donations for Sanctuary** – beans, lentils, rice, pasta, tuna. Please no cereal as they do not eat cereals.

Song: God's Spirit Is In My Heart <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-ibXHqsUTw>

Blessing

May God bless the listening of your heart,
May Christ bless the seeing of your eyes,
May the Spirit bless the serving of your hands.

Amen!

(Based on a prayer by Bruce Prewer)

Blessing Song: Thuma Mina <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jAcZsqH6NYw>