

Order of Service - July 17th, 2022

Songs

I'd rather have Jesus (100) [I'd rather have Jesus - YouTube](#)

The God I know (100) [City Harvest Church - The God I Know \[Lyrics\] - YouTube](#)

Chords and Lyrics <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nf3d6gyFVHs>

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

God of love

We come before you to worship

Do not pass us by

We give thanks for all you are

May we dwell in your presence

We will worship in truth

With your help our lives will mirror your love

With your help we will embrace others

With your help we will worship in both word and deed. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, July 2022 based on Psalm 15, Amos 8:1-12 & Luke 10:38-42)

Hymn: Be Still for the Presence of the Lord (100) [Be still for the presence of the Lord - YouTube](#)

Opening Prayer

Our God, we give you thanks:

For those who have gone before us and from whose questions, struggles to know and wisdom we benefit.

Thank you for the Mary and Martha's of our life and our church.

For the gifts of new possibilities that await ... just there ... in spite of our distraction

For those who see things we cannot because of our fear, our experience, our knowing ...

For those who wonder in ways that surprise us, invite us and challenge us

For those that continue to care and to love and to create possibilities of redemption and new life.

For those who work so hard and continue to do so even when we take them for granted, when we betray them, when we neglect to treat them with justice or respect.

Help us to be able to sit in your presence, like Mary

Help us to have the humility and the courage to wonder, if only for a moment

Help us to carry that same spirit or curiosity and discovery beyond these walls into the world in which we serve and which you love.

In the name of the one who calls us to sit at his feet and learn of his ways. Amen.

(Based on prayer written by Keith Howard, and posted on [Keith Howard.ca](http://keithhoward.ca/2010/09/07/167/) <http://keithhoward.ca/2010/09/07/167/>)

Scripture Reading - Amos 8:1-12 (ESV)

8 This is what the Lord GOD showed me: behold, a basket of summer fruit. **2** And he said, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then the LORD said to me, “The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass by them. **3** The songs of the temple shall become wailing in that day,” declares the Lord GOD. “So many dead bodies!” “They are thrown everywhere!” “Silence!” **4** Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, **5** saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, **6** that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?” **7** The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. **8** Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who dwells in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?” **9** “And on that day,” declares the Lord GOD, “I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. **10** I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on every waist and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day. **11** “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord GOD, “when I will send a famine on the land— not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. **12** They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, to seek the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

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 10:38-42 (ESV)

38 Now as they went on their way, Jesus^[a] entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. **39** And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. **40** But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” **41** But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, **42** but one thing is necessary.^[b] Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

Children's Talk:

Reflection: True Worship - turning the world upside down

Song: Bring Many Names [\(100\) Bring Many Names - Brian Wren \(FCCB Virtual Choir\) - YouTube](#)

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 in our community who are currently unwell
- Those currently away
- Our friends at **Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope** in Footscray
- **Orange Sky** – the volunteers and those who use the service and share a meal with us, that numbers using the service might increase – we had 5 this week
- Families attending the **'Come & Try' Playgroup**
- Peace in **Ukraine**
- Places of unrest & conflict – **Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Syria & Ukraine**
- Places and people affected by Covid – especially those known to us & those grieving the loss of loved ones
- The peoples of **Fiji, Finland, France**
- For our neighbours at **Westhaven**
- **Baptist Mission Australia** – work and workers in Mozambique, Thailand and South East Asia
- **Baptist World Aid** - pray for unity and provision in the church across Europe as it cares for displaced families

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

(p. 56-7 A Wee Worship Book)

Generous God,

We pray now for your world,

Where people are distracted by many things – bring stillness

Where people are anxious – bring stillness

Where people are troubled – bring stillness

Where people are trampled all over – bring justice

Where the poor are neglected – bring justice

Where the needy remain in need – bring justice

Where people feel unwelcome – bring hospitality

Where people are excluded – bring hospitality

Where people are lonely – bring hospitality

Finally, for ourselves, send your Spirit so that we might find our place at the feet of Jesus, learning from him his ways, teaching us how to be still, showing us how to love others. In his name we pray. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, July 2022 based on Amos 8 & Luke 10)

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 o 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

God always generous, rich in lovingkindness and compassion, we offer our gifts and our living that, by your Spirit, we may together be instruments of your loving; as followers of Jesus. Amen.

(Prayer by © Jeff Shrowder 2000)

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News & Notices

- **Bible Study** – Monday at 5.30pm in church office
- **Sharing a Meal with Orange Sky** - Monday at 6.30pm in church office
- **Reflective Prayer:** continues on Thursday July 14th at 5pm on zoom. Please contact Cheryl or Ros for an invite.
- **Office Hours** – Grace will be in office on Tue, Wed from 10.15.am – 2.00pm. Cheryl will be there on Mon afternoons 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.
- **Food for Orange Sky** – vegemite, peanut butter, 2 min noodles
- Copies of the service and sermon can be found on our website.

Song: Be Now Our Vision [\(100\) Be thou my vision - \(with lyrics\) - YouTube](#)

Blessing

Go out into the world to serve God with love.
Be ready to laugh with delight at the good news God has to offer you.
Make room at your table for unexpected guests.
When the work of discipleship leaves you weary or frustrated,
rest in Christ's presence and listen to what he is saying.
And the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
go with you today and always. Amen.

*(from Welcome the Guest: Service Prayers for the 9th Sunday after Pentecost, written by Rev. Heather A. Moody. Posted on the United Church of Christ's **Worship Ways** website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>)*