



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 - June 28th, 2020

Music - Welcome to All People (Ruby Hunter) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L--7xcGTM2U>

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

As we begin our worship, we acknowledge the Wurrundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, the traditional custodians of the 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.

Lighting the Candle - Jesus said 'I Am the Light of the World'

Call to Worship:

We will sing of your steadfast love always and everywhere

We will proclaim your faithfulness always and everywhere

We will remember your provision to us always and everywhere

Happy are we that live in the light of your countenance

Happy are we that are welcomed into your love

Happy are we that sing of your steadfast love today and always. Amen.

(By Cheryl Williams, based on Psalm 89 & Gen 22)

Song: Let the World in Every Corner Sing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PfXldoDnvq4>

Opening Prayer

That there is a planet circling the sun, which we call earth, our first, wonderful home.

Give thanks to the Lord who is good, whose mercies last forever.

That the earth is full of loving gifts, beautiful scenes, and complex creatures.

Give thanks to the Lord who is good, whose mercies last forever.

That from earliest days God spoke to people and called them into faith and service.

Give thanks to the Lord who is good, whose mercies last forever.

That God's people are called to be friends of the earth and stewards of its bounty.

Give thanks to the Lord who is good, whose mercies last forever.

That God came uniquely to us in Christ Jesus, bearing our sins and healing our diseases.

Give thanks to the Lord who is good, whose mercies last forever.

That we belong to a community called the church, where Christ lives on in love.

Give thanks to the Lord who is good, whose mercies last forever.

That no evil can finally win out against God, and that complete reconciliation is assured.

Give thanks to the Lord who is good, whose mercies last forever.

That through Christ's ministry even death has lost its sting and the grave its victory.

Give thanks to the Lord who is good, whose mercies last forever.

That we are surrounded by a crowd of heavenly friends, whose lives are hid with Christ.

Give thanks to the Lord who is good, whose mercies last forever. Amen

(Prayer by Bruce Prewer)

Bible Reading: Genesis 22:1-14 (NRSV)

22 After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." **2** He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." **3** So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. **4** On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. **5** Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." **6** Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. **7** Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" **8** Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So, the two of them walked on together.

9 When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. **10** Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. **11** But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." **12** He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." **13** And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. **14** So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

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 Reading: Matthew 10: 40-42 (NRSV)

⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Children's Talk - Freckles talks about hospitality and welcome

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JkhyBolev48>

Reflection: Whosoever You Welcome ...

Prayers for the Church & World (Cheryl)

Remembering: Those known to us who struggle with their
The work of Sanctuary and all its residents
CoVid 19 – for treatment and a cure, for countries experiencing
increases in cases – Brazil, India and parts of Africa
Global Interaction – those who support the work from Australia
Kenya – the church that has made connections with us via website
Mozambique, Sudan, Democratic Republic in Congo – where some in
our congregation have family members
Race relations all around the world but especially Australia & USA

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,

The psalmist cries out - how long will you hide from me, how long will you forget me, how long must I bear pain in my soul and sorrow in my heart.

Draw near to those who feel forgotten, who have pain in their souls and sorrow in their hearts.

Do not hide from

- The asylum seeker or refugee who doesn't feel at home
- The scared and confused who have pain in their souls
- Those who struggle with health and feel pain in their bones
- Those who live in places of conflict and yearn for peace – Kachin State, Kashmir, Middle East, Palestine and so many places
- Those who have sorrow in their hearts
- Our friends in Kenya
- The clusters in Melbourne where Covid 19 is spreading
- Those who are working towards a cure, vaccine or treatment for this virus
- Those who believe Black Lives Matter, in deed that All Lives Matter
- Those who are unsettled and reflect back to us the truth

- Those without work – artists, hospitality workers, aviators and more
- Our new friends from Sanctuary

Show us how to truly make others feel welcome, help us share a cup of water and more with them, remind us in welcoming them we are indeed welcoming you.

We pray in the name of Jesus who offered and shared hospitality with all he met.
Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, June 2020)

Song: Yesu Yesu <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJ8mbnsU3pE>

Offering (Cheryl)

Generous God,

Take our lives and the money we offer. Use them so all may know your welcome and find a place they feel at home. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, June 2020)

- 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

- **Baptcare Sanctuary** is very grateful for all the donations Footscray Baptist has provided in the last few weeks. They would be especially grateful for dates, nuts – almonds, pistachios

They also need:

Basmati rice	Red Lentils	Yellow dahl	Cooking oil
Red Kidney Beans	Butter Beans	Chickpeas	Tinned tomatoes
Onions & garlic	Black tea bags	Instant coffee	Milk UHT
Tumeric	Cumin	Coriander	Biscuits
Tinned fish – especially tuna		Tinned fruit	
Fresh - bread, eggs, milk, yogurt, fresh fruit and vegetables.			

Song: Brother Sister Let Me Serve You <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qblqtb4jzL8>

Sending Out

May God extend hospitality to you.

May Jesus join you at the table.

May the Spirit send us out with arms outstretched in welcome.

May all know peace and grace.

Amen.

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