



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 - May 22nd, 2022

139th Church Anniversary

Songs: *Come Now is the time to Worship*
Creator King

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

Call to Worship

This is the moment
and this is the time
here and now God waits
to break into our experience

This is the place
Where dreams are dreamt
Where visions are worked towards
Where faith is lived out

This is the place
This is the time
As are all places and all times
Where God fills us with joy and hope

So we will praise God

(Based on prayer in Be Our Freedom Lord, p. 26)

Song: Take This Moment

Opening Prayer

God of this place and every place
We thank you for this community you have called us to be part of
For those who have gone before us who:
- had the courage to build on their vision

- had the audacity to make a stand for God in this community
- together discerned your will for all the ministries that would emanate from love
- welcomed people of all walks of life to be part of your community
- served you in this place with humility and hope.

May we learn from their lives of faith and be a community of courage, adventure, peace and justice. Amen.

(Based on prayer in 'Be Our Freedom Lord, p.372)

Bible Reading: John 14:23-29 (NRSV)

23 Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. **24** Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me. **25** "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. **26** But the Advocate,^[a] the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. **27** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. **28** You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. **29** And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

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: Acts 16:9-15 (NRSV)

9 During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' **10** When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. **11** We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, **12** and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district^[a] of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. **13** On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. **14** A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. **15** When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Children's Talk - 139th Birthday

Reflection: Being the Household of God at Footscray

Song: From All Around the World

Prayers for the Church & World

Remembering:

- Those known to us who struggle with their health
- Pray for those travelling overseas
- For those who wait to hear about their visas
- **Orange Sky** – the volunteers and those who use the service and share a meal with us
- Families attending the **'Come & Try' Playgroup**
- Peace in **Ukraine**
- Places of unrest & conflict - **Afghanistan, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Syria & Ukraine**
Places facing elections, that leaders might act with justice and compassion –
Australia, Philippines
- Places and people affected by Covid, those grieving the loss of loved ones
- The peoples of – **Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu**
- For our neighbours at **Westhaven**
- **Baptist Mission Australia** – pray for the work in Outback and Regional Australia, Zambia, Zimbabwe & India
- **Baptist World Aid** – Pray for the fashion industry to take bold steps to end damaging environmental practices and change the systems that exploit vulnerable people.
- Our friends at **Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope** in Footscray

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

(p. 56-7 A Wee Worship Book)

God of the universe,

We come now to pray for your world

- for places of conflict and violence -peace
- for places of hunger and thirst -plenty
- for places of captivity and control – freedom
- for places of disillusionment and despair – hope
- for those seeking a fair go – justice
- for those sad and lonely – love

And we this community of Footscray Baptist

With your help, we

- will bear each other's burden
- will love beyond this community
- will accept the disappointments and frustrations and pick ourselves up again to serve
- will use the gifts and resources you have given us to serve your people with compassion, imagination and courage.

Amen

We continue to pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray ...

The 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.

Offering

We offer you these our gifts, our dreams and our doubts, our faith and our plans for the future, to do your work in the world. Amen.

(Based on prayer in 'Be Our Freedom Lord, p. 197)

- Offerings can be made by using our direct debit facility

Footscray Baptist Church

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News & Notices

- **Annual General Meeting** - May 29th – immediately following the service
- **Save the Date – June 26th, Church Lunch** following the service, catered, come and join us
- **Bible Study** – at office on Monday 2nd May at 5.30pm
- **Sharing a Meal with Orange Sky** come along on Monday night from 6.30pm to help serve and share a meal with those using the Orange Sky laundry service.
- Copies of the service and sermon can be found on our website.
- **Office Hours** – Grace will be in office on Tue, Wed & Thu from 10.30.am – 1.00pm. 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

Song: Christ Be Our Light

Blessing

Go in peace
Go as one people
Go as the loved household of God.
And may God be in our beginnings
Christ be in our present
And the Spirit be with us into the future.

(Based on prayer by Dorothy McRae-McMahon in 'Liturgies for the Journey of Life', p.51)