



*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 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Praise Songs

Ancient Words <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vmTkXNpwzs>

In the Garden <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0F1o8m-VGqQ>

### Welcome

- *Reconciliation as Love in Action - Be Brave, Make Change (National Reconciliation Week)*

### 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

Creator God

Before the foundation of the world, you loved

In Jesus you revealed your love for the world

By your Spirit, you enable us to live in love and unity as one

Today and everyday

**We will dwell in your love**

Today and everyday

**We will live your unity**

Today and everyday

**We will celebrate the diversity we find in your world. Amen.**

*(Prayer by Cheryl Williams May 2022, based on John 17:20-26)*

### Hymn/Song

You were in this place [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ed9-in8\\_TW0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ed9-in8_TW0)

### Opening Prayer

Great Creator Spirit,

From the dawn of creation you have given your children  
the good things of Mother Earth.

**You spoke and the gum tree grew.**

**In vast deserts and dense forest,  
and in cities at the water's edge,  
creation sings your praise.**

Your presence endures as the rock at the heart of our Land.

Through Jesus

you heard the cries of your people

and became one with your wounded ones, and gave hope

In Jesus we have been reconciled to you,

to each other and to your whole creation.

**Lead us on, Great Spirit, as we gather from the four corners of the earth.**

**Enable us to walk together in trust,  
from the hurt and shame of the past**

**into the full day which has dawned in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*(Based on a prayer by Rev Lenore Parker - Indigenous Anglican Priest)*

### *Bible Reading: John 17:20-26*

<sup>20</sup> I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,<sup>[1]</sup> so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup> 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

### *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.

### *Children's Talk: 'Whoever You Are (Mem Fox)*

### *Reflection: Being One*

### *Hymn/Song*

Amazing Grace <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVORrx9jiE>

### *Prayers for the Church and World*

Remembering:

- Those known to us who struggle with their health
- Pray for those recently returned or still 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**
- Members of our community – **Virgie**
- Peace in **Ukraine**
- Places of unrest & conflict – **Myanmar & Ukraine**
- Those in **Texas** affected by the recent shooting
- **Our newly elected parliamentarians**
- Places and people affected by Covid – especially those know to us & those grieving the loss of loved ones
- The peoples of – **Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela & Vietnam**
- For our neighbours at **Westhaven**
- **Baptist Mission Australia** – Outback Australia especially given that it is National Reconciliation Week
- **Baptist World Aid** – Pray for leaders around the world, of governments, churches, and communities. Pray for any leaders God brings to your mind that God would give them godly wisdom, discernment, and creativity to help address the challenges their people might face.
- Our friends at **Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope** in Footscray
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Silence – in the silence and through our minds and imaginations we bring prayers which words cannot contain:

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

Reconciling God,

You call us to be one, so today we pray for our brothers and sisters throughout the world:

Where there is hurt and pain – solace  
 Where there is conflict – peace  
 Where there is despair – hope  
 Where there is disadvantage – justice  
 Where there is disharmony – unity

For our indigenous brothers and sisters, who have waited so long for

- gaps to close
- their voices to be heard
- injustices to be rectified
- apologies to be made

Acknowledgement

For ourselves – to be brave enough to act for unity between all peoples. Amen.

*(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, May 2022)*

### *Aboriginal Lord's Prayer - Broome Diocese*

You are our Father, you live in heaven,  
 We talk to you. Father you are good.  
 We believe your word, Father,  
 We are your children, give us bread today.

We have done wrong, we are sorry,  
Teach us, Father, all about your Word.  
Others have done wrong to us,  
And we are sorry for them, Father, today.  
Stop us from doing wrong, Father,  
Save us all from the evil one.  
You are our Father, you live in heaven,  
We talk to you, Father, you are good.

## Offering

Reconciling God,  
Take these gifts and our lives that they symbolise and use them to bring reconciliation  
and unity in this land. Amen.

*(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, May 2022)*

## News & Notices - see handout

### • **Upcoming Services**

June 5 – Pentecost Sunday

June 12 – Infant Dedication (Charlize Stockdale)

June 19 – Celebrating World Refugee Day (June 20)

June 26 – Church Lunch

- **Save the Date – June 26<sup>th</sup>, Church Lunch** following the service, catered, come and join us
- **Bible Study** – at office on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Reflective Prayer** –continues on Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 5pm on zoom. Please contact Cheryl or Ros for an invite.
- 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

## Hymn/Song

One People, One Land <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wiz93nNyNbU>

## Blessing

With the love of God in our hearts,  
May we go and be brave  
With the Spirit of life weaving us together,  
May we seek to make change  
With the dawning of the sun,  
May hope and healing rise  
With the still water stream,  
May our eyes be opened wide  
As we go forth, carrying the ministry of Reconciliation,  
May we be compelled to love, in truth and with action

Amen.

*(Written by Bianca Manning, Gomeri woman and Common Grace's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Justice Coordinator)*