



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 - November 15th, 2020 Celebrating NAIDOC Week 'Always Was, Always Will Be'

Music: Traditional Didgeridoo Rhythms by Lewis Burns, Aboriginal Australian Artist
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yG9ZX1FS20A>

Welcome and 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.

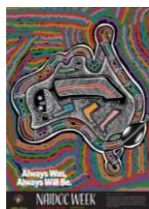
We acknowledge the Wurrundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and their stewardship
of this land throughout the ages.

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!

This week has been NAIDOC Week. (NAIDOC – National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee). This is usually held in July but due to Covid was postponed until November. It celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The theme this year is 'Always Was Always Will Be'. The image you see is a map of Australia formed by a rainbow serpent. The figure inside represents Indigenous Australians, the colours are reflected from the serpent, displaying the connection between the two.



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

Call to Worship

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit

By the reconciling power of your love, you call us into the unity of grace.

Through our many differences:

Differences of gender

Differences of age

Differences of nationalities

Differences of states

Differences of professions

Differences of Christian expression

We gather in your name: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Prayer from Tear Reconciliation Resources)

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

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 the vast desert 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.

When Jesus hung on the tree,

**You heard the cries of all your people and became one with your wounded ones:
the convicts, the hunted, the dispossessed.**

The sunrise of your Son coloured the earth anew,

And bathed it in glorious 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.

Rev'd Lenore Parker, A Prayer Book for Australia 1999.

Bible Reading: Psalm 23 (Aboriginal Style by Uncle Rev Ron Williams)

My big fella boss up in the sky is like the father Emu.

He will always look after me and take me to green grass, and lead me to where the water holes are full and fresh all the time.

He leads me away from the thick scrub and helps me keep safe from the hunters, dingoes and eagles.

At night time when I am very lonely and sad, I will not be afraid, for my Father covers me with his feathers like a father emu.

His spear and shield will always protect me.

My big fella boss always give me a good feed in the middle of my enemies.

In hot times he makes me sit down in a cool shade and rest.

He gives me plenty of love and care all of my life through.

Then I will live with my big fella boss like a father emu: that cares for his chicks in good country, full of peace and safety

For evermore and evermore.

(From Common Grace, Church Resources)

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: 1 Corinthians 12:12 - 26

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Children's Talk: One Body, Many Parts <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uFSY-41pVzw>

Reflection - Learning From Indigenous Brothers & Sisters

DADIRRI (Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tow2tR_ezL8

Communion Song: One Body, One Bread

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FG9T8UmN6VY>

Communion

Invite

Christ is our peace
Christ has reconciled us to God and each other
We meet in Christ's name and share God's peace
Let us gather around God's table and share in the one bread.

(Based on prayer in Be Our Freedom Lord, p. 219)

Preparation

Lord Jesus Christ,

We thank you for inviting each one of us to be part of this community.

Help us see this as an opportunity to serve one another and the world.

Help us to be aware of each other's needs

Help us work for peace and not make trouble

Help us to be open, warm, honest and motivated by love

Help us never to be concerned with our own rights, our own place and our own importance

As we receive your bread and cup

Make us bread ready to be broken

Make us wine ready to be shared

Make us ready to meet the needs of all

And be your presence in the world.

(Based on prayer in Be Our Freedom Lord, p. 218)

Institution

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

²⁷ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will not, drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

³⁰ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Prayers for the Church & World

Remembering:

- Those known to us who have struggled with their health
- Those who wait to hear about their visas
- 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 Armenia & Azerbaijan, Kachin State & Thailand
- Global Interaction – their work in Lebanon and Papua
- Baptist World Aid – those supporting people with CoVid and those help many stay safe across the world
- Our friends at Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope in Footscray
- Our friends in Kenya as they prepare to build a church building on recently acquired land

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

(p. 56-7 A Wee Worship Book)

Lord we bring before you

- Those who are unwell

- Those in troubled family situations
- Those who wait for clarity about visas
- Those in aged care
- Those living with Covid
- Those trying to find cures for Covid
- Those places where there is political unrest
- The work of Global Interaction and Baptist World Aid
- Those who have found shelter at Sanctuary
- Our indigenous brothers and sisters
- All of us as we work for reconciliation between all peoples.

Help us all to know, we together are your body, each part is so important for its proper functioning. Teach us all to honour, respect and give dignity to the other parts.

Finally, we pray for our first nations people:

Creator of all, you gave The Dreaming

You speak to us

You made your love clear to us in the person of Jesus.

You own us.

You are our hope.

Make us strong as we face the problems of today.

We ask you to help the people of Australia to listen to each other and respect one another's culture.

May the knowledge of you grow strong in all people, so that you can be at home in us and we can make a home for everyone in our land. Amen.

(Adapted from Be Our Freedom Lord, p.2,)

Song: Let Love Rule https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4TH_zlvxNIQ

Offering

Generous God,

Take these offerings we pray as our protest against all that is unjust in our world and ourselves, so we and others know ourselves to be blessed. Amen.

(Based on prayer in Be Our Freedom Lord, p. 193)

- 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

- **Supporting Women in the Kimberley** – Women's clothing (dresses, tops, pants), particularly plus sizes needed, see Cheryl for how to post these.
- **Reflective Prayer** – November 17th at 12.15pm via zoom, contact Ros or Cheryl for more details
- **November Quarterly Meeting** – Sunday Nov 22nd immediately following the service on zoom
- **Baptist World Aid**

- Next Sunday our service will have a BWA Focus
- If you would like to support the children we sponsor – Anton & Shannae Mae – please use our direct debit facility and state it is for BWA Children
- Big Hearted Gifts are available to be bought via myself or directly through the BWA website <https://baptistworldaid.org.au/gift-stalls/footscray-baptists-gift-stall>
- **Bible Study Groups** – Currently a number of groups are continuing their study into mission in Matthew. If we would like to join a group or start a group speak to Cheryl. Study questions will be posted on our Website
- **Baptcare Sanctuary** - is very grateful for all the donations Footscray Baptist has made, which I delivered on Thursday and will do every couple of weeks. Items needed currently: Olive oil, cans of beans (including baked beans), cans of lentils, eggs, potatoes, flat (Lebanese) bread, olives

Song: You Were In This Place https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ed9-in8_TW0

Sending Out

God of all creation,

May our senses be awakened to your presence in the beauty of this land

May our imagination be awakened to your suffering cries of this land

May our hearts be awakened to your compassion in the peoples of this land

May our consciences be awakened to your commitment to the poor of this land

May our whole being be awakened to your Spirit enfolding this land. Amen.

(From Be Our Freedom Lord, p. 237)

Sung Benediction: For You Deep Stillness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gpRWWnZa6Ro>

Or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2FKdLCi4qrM>