



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 - October 11th, 2020

Music: Amazing Grace (Gurumul & Paul Kelly)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVORrx9jliE>

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

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

Call to Worship

We gather to praise you our Lord

We give thanks to you for you are good.

We give thanks to you for your love is steadfast.

We give thanks to you because that love endures for ever.

We cannot even speak of all the mighty things you have done.

We cannot even declare all your praise.

We seek the joy of those who are just and do right.

As we seek justice, we will look to receive your joy

All praise to the Lord.

Praise to our God.

(Prayer based on Psalm 106: 1-4, by Cheryl Williams, October 2020)

Song - Now Thank We All Our God <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s99dNPKYtHk>

Opening Prayer

Loving God,

You have placed people in our lives who have taught us about you – parents, friends,
teachers, musicians, storytellers, poets, artists.

We thank you for all of them.

For those who gently encourage us with a kind word or suggestion

For those who stand firm in difficult circumstances

For those who speak truth to power

For those who pursue excellence with love and compassion

For those who inspire us to work for justice for the sake of others

For those who show us how to live lives pleasing to you.

Their examples are inspiring.

May we too be people of gentleness, steadfastness, truth, justice, excellence and
compassion, for the sake of your world.

We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, October 2020 based on Philippians 4:1-9)

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

22 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: **2** “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. **3** He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. **4** Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ **5** But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, **6** while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. **7** The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. **8** Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. **9** Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ **10** Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. **11** “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, **12** and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. **13** Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ **14** For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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: Philippians 4:1-9 (NRSV)

1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. **3** Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice. **5** Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. **6** Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. **7** And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. **9** Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Children's Talk: Parable of the Great Banquet

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LEbwiQvo5k4>

Children's Song: I cannot come to the banquet

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SMecR5NO8uk>

Reflection: Learnings from 20 years of Ordained Ministry

Song: Bring Many Names <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aj7Ms2Z35Tc>

Prayers for the Church & World

Remembering:

- Those known to us who have struggled with their health
- For those waiting to hear about their visas
- BUV as they hold online meetings in October
- For those living in aged care and 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 – Europe, Indonesia, Israel
- Our Premier and health officials making decisions about moving out of lockdown
- Those affected by political unrest in Belarus, Hong Kong Philippines, Lebanon and the United States
- Global Interaction – Education and Humanitarian projects GI run in South East Asia
- Baptist World Aid – the children we support in Bangladesh and the Philippines
- 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)

We continue to pray for your church and world.

We pray for those who are too busy to acknowledge you – may they find ways to stop and to see what is most important in life.

We pray for those who live with illness and disability – may they find people who will encourage and help them to live life to the fullest.

We pray for the poor – may they find compassionate souls who will help them find that which sustains them physically and spiritually

We pray for those who disagree with one another – may they search deep within and find ways to understand the other.

We pray for those who worry – may they find moments of peace.

Finally, we pray for ourselves

- may we have the courage to practice all that we have learnt and seen about you and your life,
- may we not find excuses to be in your presence
- may we go out into the byways and invite all we meet into your kingdom
- may we live lives pleasing to you. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams October 2020 based on Matthew 22:1-15 & Philippians 4:1-7)

Song: God of the Poor <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3kVHKuldZyw>

Offering

Generous God,

Giver of all good gifts, take that which we offer now – our money and our lives. Take them and use us to share your love in the world. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams – October 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 –

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Community Time & Notices

- **Reflective Prayer** – There is no reflective prayer this week. It resumes on Tuesday Oct 20th at 12.15pm via zoom, contact Ros or Cheryl for more details
- **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. When stage 4 lockdown is over will begin delivering donations to them again.

Song: Be Thou Our Vision <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihJAJA4ibEs>

Sending Out

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

(Philippians 4:7)

Song: For You Deep Stillness <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sI0i41fsPEg>