

Order of Service - October 16th, 2022

Songs of Praise

- *Hear Our Praises* [\(245\) Hear Our Praises With Lyrics Hillsong - YouTube](#)
- *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross* [\(245\) Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross \(Hymn Charts with Lyrics, Contemporary\) - YouTube](#)

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 Candles: Jesus said: 'I Am the Light of the World'.

Call to Worship

I will lift my eyes to the hills [\(246\) Psalm 121 Song \(NKJV\) "I Will Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills" \(Esther Mui\) - YouTube](#)
Creator God, who shaped and continues to shape the mountains, gather us together to
worship you.

Creator God, gather us together to look up and around us as we worship, noticing the
world in which you have placed us.

Creator God, as we worship you here today may our voices join those in churches in
mountain villages, in bustling towns, in city centres.

Gather us we pray, as we praise you for the gift of a new day on our journey with you,
our guide and protector.

Amen

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Song: I the Lord of Sea and Sky [\(246\) Here I am Lord with lyrics - YouTube](#)

Opening Prayer

God of the ages,
we come into this holy space asking for your blessing, only to find that the abundance of
your love is already around us.

Open our eyes to see the blessing of your creation in the beauty all around us.

Open our ears to hear the blessing of your word as it is proclaimed in story and song
this day.

Open our hearts to experience the blessing of faith through the gentle touch of a friend
or the supportive smile of a stranger.

And open our doors, that we may become vessels of your blessing to a world still in need
of salvation.

All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen. *(Using Genesis 12, Psalm 121, John 3)*

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5 (CEV)

¹⁴ Keep on being faithful to what you were taught and to what you believed. After all, you know who taught you these things. ¹⁵ Since childhood, you have known the Holy Scriptures that are able to make you wise enough to have faith in Christ Jesus and be saved. ¹⁶ Everything in the Scriptures is God's Word. All of it is useful for teaching and helping people and for correcting them and showing them how to live. ¹⁷ The Scriptures train God's servants to do all kinds of good deeds. ⁴ When Christ Jesus comes as king, he will be the judge of everyone, whether they are living or dead. So with God and Christ as witnesses, I command you ² to preach God's message. Do it willingly, even if it isn't the popular thing to do. You must correct people and point out their sins. But also cheer them up, and when you instruct them, always be patient. ³ The time is coming when people won't listen to good teaching. Instead, they will look for teachers who will please them by telling them only what they are itching to hear. ⁴ They will turn from the truth and eagerly listen to senseless stories. ⁵ But you must stay calm and be willing to suffer. You must work hard, telling the good news and to do your job well.

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.

Scripture Reading: Luke 18:1-8 (CEV)

Jesus told his disciples a story about how they should keep on praying and never give up: ² In a town there was once a judge who didn't fear God or care about people. ³ In that same town there was a widow who kept going to the judge and saying, "Make sure that I get fair treatment in court." ⁴ For a while the judge refused to do anything. Finally, he said to himself, "Even though I don't fear God or care about people, ⁵ I will help this widow because she keeps on bothering me. If I don't help her, she will wear me out." ⁶ The Lord said: Think about what that crooked judge said. ⁷ Won't God protect his chosen ones who pray to him day and night? Won't he be concerned for them? ⁸ He will surely hurry and help them. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find on this earth anyone with faith?

Children's Talk: Don't Give Up

Song: *I Am A New Creation* [\(246\) I am a new creation - YouTube](#)

Reflection: Botherings

Prayers for the church and world

Remembering:

- **Those affected by the flood waters, especially our neighbours along the Maribyrnong River**
- Those known to us struggling with their health
- For teachers and students coming up to final assessments for the year
- **Baptist Union meetings on Oct 21st**
- **The people of Iran**, many who have been killed or arrested after protesting in the streets

- For those who wait to hear about their visas
- Our friends at **Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope** in Footscray
- Families attending the **'Come & Try' Playgroup**
- Peace in **Ukraine**
- Places of tension, unrest & conflict especially **Myanmar**
- 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, Vatican City, Venezuela & Vietnam**
- For our neighbours at **Westhaven**
- **Baptist Mission Australia** – the ups and downs of intercultural ministry and the work and workers in South East Asia
- **Baptist World Aid** – pray for children and youth in vulnerable countries on World Food Day (Oct 16), that they might have enough to eat to stay healthy and strong/

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, you are, indeed, our help in times of need. We turn to you now, lifting up the cares and concerns in our lives and in our world, seeking your help.

Eternal One, **Together we pray in faith.**

We pray for those who struggle, embroiled in conflict: for nations, for families, for troubled souls. For countries and places in turmoil or conflict, for perpetrators of violence and chaos, and for those who suffer at their hands. For those embittered by memories, and those embarrassed by shame.

Eternal One, **Together we pray in faith.**

We pray for those who long to rely upon your promises, who long to hold fast to the faith that you will rescue them, but who feel overwhelmed by things they cannot control, heavy with worry, drained by grief. We pray for the families of those who have died. Be their constant help. Hold them up in their time of need.

Eternal One, **Together we pray in faith.**

We pray for those struggling with ethical dilemmas and challenges, for those facing life-changing decisions, unsure of the path ahead. We pray for people moving away, for young adults looking for work and starting families, for children and youth facing social temptations, facing questions of identity and purpose.

Eternal One, **Together we pray in faith.**

We pray for those who face sickness and infirmity. Encircle them with your assuring peace and healing touch. We pray for widows and children, often voiceless and powerless, that we might be their voices persistently crying out for justice, speaking truth to power. Help us persevere and not give up, even when the outcome seems set and our efforts feel futile.

Eternal One, **Together we pray in faith.**

We pray for our church, for our members and visitors who come through our doors. Align our mission and purpose with yours, and grant us strength to persistently shine your light into our community.

Eternal One, **Together we pray in faith.**

In this moment of silence, hear the cares and concerns on our hearts. [silence]

Eternal One, **Together we pray in faith.**

Eternal One, we lift our eyes to you, maker of heaven and earth, for it is in you that we find our help. Bless us and those for whom we pray

AMEN

(Prayers by Ana Gobledale, UK, based on Psalm 121 & Luke 18:1-8 (the widow and the unjust judge))

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.

Song: Breathe on Me Breath of God [\(246\) Breathe on me, Breath of God - YouTube](#)

Offering

God of all people, you give us what we need, Use the gifts we offer, of money and of our lives to bring the good news of your abundance, that your kingdom might come on earth as in heaven. Amen

Offerings can be made by using our direct debit facility or placed in plates at entrances and exits of the church

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News & Notices

- **Reflective Prayer:** continues this Thursday, October 20th at 5pm on zoom. See Ros or Cheryl for an invite.
- **Deacon's Meeting** – Sunday October 23rd immediately following the service
- **Westhaven Project Group** – Tuesday from 11am - 2.30pm In Green Room on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays in the month. Come when you can and leave when you must. Bring lunch and ideas. All materials provided. We will also have a session on Saturdays once per month. October dates – October 18th
- **Office Hours** – Grace will be on leave from Oct 13th – Nov 17th. Cheryl will be there on Tuesdays 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.
- Copies of the service and sermon can be found on our **website**.

Song: Be Thou My Vision <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Optrm71F16s>

Benediction

Here in this place, God transforms us into disciples,
so we may share the grace etched upon our hearts.
Here with these people, compassion is written on our hearts,
so we may join Jesus in bringing justice to all.
Now, in these moments, the Spirit is breathed into us,
so we can be as persistent as God in bringing hope to the world.