

Order of Service - September 11th, 2022

Global Poverty

Songs

I sing praises to your Name [\(194\) | SING PRAISES TO YOUR NAME \(With lyrics\) - YouTube](#)

How Great Thou Art [\(194\) How Great Thou Art with lyrics performed by chris rice - 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

The Lord reigns forever and rules the nations with fairness.

The Lord is a shelter for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

Sing praises to the Lord who reigns in Jerusalem.

Tell the world about God's unforgettable deeds.

The needy will not be ignored forever.

The hopes of the poor will not always be crushed.

Let us worship God!

(Prayer by Chip Hardwick, adapted from Psalm 9)

Hymn: Tell Out My Soul [\(193\) Tell out my soul - \(with lyrics\) - YouTube](#)

Opening Prayer

Generous God, you are the origin of all gifts.

Make us grateful stewards of your many blessings.

Grant us generosity in sharing our gifts and resources with our brothers and sisters
around the world.

**Make us advocates of the peace that strengthens justice and the justice that
sustains peace.**

May your love and equality inspire us to support just trade policies that lift up poor
persons.

**Make us responsible stewards of the earth's riches and respectful of local peoples
from whose lands resources are extracted .**

May we look with mercy on nations burdened by debt and commit ourselves to their relief.

Inspire us to protect the gift of creation, and to assist those in poverty, who suffer the most from environmental harm.

Help us to love our global neighbours and those displaced from their homes

Help us to recognize your face in all those affected by global poverty and fill us with the love and fortitude we need to confront its causes.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who called us to care for the poor. Amen.

(Based on prayer [Prayer to Confront Global Poverty | USCCB](#))

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 15:7-11 & Proverbs 31:8-9 (CEV)

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

⁷ After the LORD your God gives land to each of you, there may be poor Israelites in the town where you live. If there are, then don't be mean and selfish with your money. ⁸ Instead, be kind and lend them what they need. ⁹ Be careful! Don't say to yourself, "Soon it will be the seventh year, and then I won't be able to get my money back." It would be horrible for you to think that way and to be so selfish that you refuse to help the poor. They are your relatives, and if you don't help them, they may ask the LORD to decide whether you have done wrong. And he will say that you are guilty. ¹⁰ You should be happy to give the poor what they need, because then the LORD will make you successful in everything you do. ¹¹ There will always be some Israelites who are poor and needy. That's why I am commanding you to be generous with them.

Proverbs 31:8-9

But you must defend those who are helpless and have no hope. ⁹ Be fair and give justice to the poor and homeless.

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 4:17-19 & John 10:10b(CEV)

Luke 4:17-19

¹⁷ he was given the book of Isaiah the prophet. He opened it and read, ¹⁸ "The Lord's Spirit has come to me, because he has chosen me to tell the good news to the poor. The Lord has sent me to announce freedom for prisoners, to give sight to the blind, to free everyone who suffers, ¹⁹ and to say, 'This is the year the Lord has chosen.'"

John 10:10b

I came so everyone would have life and have it fully.

Children's Talk:

Reflection: Be Generous

Song: *God of the Poor (Beauty for Brokenness)* [\(193\) GOD OF THE POOR - YouTube](#)

Prayers for the church and world

Remembering:

- Those known to us who struggle with their health
- For those who wait to hear about their visas
- Those preparing for baptism on October 2nd
- Our friends at **Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope** in Footscray
- Families attending the **'Come & Try' Playgroup**
- The **community of Picton & Buxton** in NSW after the horrific car accident killing five teenagers
- Those affected by floods and water born disease in **Pakistan**, fire in **Vietnam**, earthquake in **China**, floods and storms in **Port Augusta**
- Children and others going hungry in **Somalia, Yemen and throughout the world**
- For people everywhere living in **extreme poverty**
- Peace in **Ukraine**
- Places of tension, unrest & conflict – **Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Gaza, Myanmar, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Syria, Taiwan & Ukraine**
- Places and people affected by Covid – especially those known to us & those grieving the loss of loved ones
- The peoples of **Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Korea, North Macedonia & Norway**
- For our neighbours at **Westhaven**
- **Baptist Mission Australia** – the work and workers in Thailand
- **Baptist World Aid** – pray for relief for those who have experienced natural disasters – earthquakes, hurricanes, typhoons – that they would have access to living water and practical help

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

(p. 56-7 A Wee Worship Book)

For half the world's population who have to live on less than \$1 a day

Let justice flow down like a river

For all those suffering from malnutrition and treatable diseases

Let justice flow down like a river

For all those who experience discrimination on the grounds of gender, age, role, religion, beliefs, disability or sexuality.

Let justice flow down like a river

For all those who sleep rough; and those who have nowhere they can call home.

Let justice flow down like a river

For all those who have experienced physical, mental or emotional abuse, or domestic violence.

Let justice flow down like a river

For all those who are unemployed, or in employment that is dehumanising or degrading.

Let justice flow down like a river

For all those who are denied their basic human rights by military dictatorship or oppression.

Let justice flow down like a river

Justice is the currency of love in society.

Let us be instruments of justice in the world.

Source: Roger Courtney, [Progressive Christianity](#))

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: *Don't Be Afraid* [\(66\) Don't be Afraid - YouTube](#)

Offering

Take that which we offer now in response to your command to care for the poor and as our protest against all that is impoverished. Use them and us so all may experience your love and generosity. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, Sept 2022)

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

- **Working Bee** – thanks to all who participated yesterday.
- **Bible Study and Baptismal Training – today** in Green Room following the service. Next one on Sept 25th
- **Cook Up for Church Lunch** – come along and help prepare food for church lunch on **October 1st** for following day. More details to follow.
- **Baptism and Church Lunch** – join us for the Baptismal Service lowed by lunch on **October 2nd**.
- **Reflective Prayer:** continues on Thursday September 15th at 5pm on zoom. Please contact Cheryl or Ros for an invite.
- **BUV Advocacy and Justice Week** – September. During September we will spend each week looking at one issue they have identified. Sept 18 – Homelessness & Sept 25 – Aged Care
- **The Sudsy Challenge (Orange Sky)**. This is a fundraising challenge which I hope some of us might take up in conjunction with our Advocacy and Justice series in September. I am going to do the challenge on Sept 16-18, who would like to join me as a team?



- **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. September date is September 20th

- **Garage Sale during National Garage Sale Week** – at church meeting last week we talked about having a Garage Sale to sell books, extra furniture, cake stall and sausage sizzle. It would be held on either Saturday November 12 or 19. If you are interested in being part of a group to organise this please speak to Cheryl or a deacon today.
- **Office Hours** – Grace will be in office on Tue & Wed from 10.15.am – 2.00pm. 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: Lord Let Me See [Lord Let Me See on Vimeo](#)

[\(193\) Sunday 12 July 2020. Part 4. Hymn. Lord Let Me See - YouTube](#)

Benediction

Go in peace; love and care for one another in Christ's name,
And may God bless you with every gift needful for His work,
May the Spirit grant you the willingness to risk yourself completely for the sake of the gospel,
And may the love and the compassion and the hope and the faith of Jesus dwell richly within you till the time of his coming. Both now and forevermore. Amen

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