



## Order of Service - May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

*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.*

### Music (Tim)

### Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country (Cheryl)

As we begin our worship, we acknowledge the Wurrundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, the traditional custodians of this land on which we gather to worship. We honour this history, their elders, past, present and emerging and commit ourselves to work together for reconciliation between all peoples, God and the land.

May 26<sup>th</sup> is **Sorry Day**, so we will remember our indigenous brothers and sisters in our prayers.

Next week is **Pentecost**, so maybe when we meet you might like to wear something red, yellow or orange in celebration of that.

### Lighting the Candle - Jesus said 'I Am the Light of the World' (Cheryl)

### Song: Halle, Halle, Halle

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ds8hSP4I-SE> (Tim)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

### Call to Worship (Cheryl & Iní)

God of the universe,

**In you we have a home**

Parent of the parentless

**In you they have a home**

Friend of the widows

**In you they have a home**

Liberator of the imprisoned

**In you they have a home**

God of the universe

In your presence

**The earth quakes**

**The rain falls and replenishes  
The needy are provided for**

So now, your people will celebrate

**We will be jubilant with joy!**

We will sing to you, our God

**We will sing praises to you, our God**

We will sing and sing again to you, our God.

*(Prayer based on Psalm 68, by Cheryl Williams, May 2020)*

*Song - You Were In This Place* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7798DInPAI>

*Opening Prayer (Ini)*

God of all that is good and whose love is enduring

We thank you for your great provision to us

For this universe we call home

For all that co-exists

For all that delights in difference

For places of unity, understanding and reconciliation

For your protection of the orphan, the widow, the needy

For your mercy which gently rebukes

For your grace which always forgives

For Jesus, the very imprint of you

For the way in which we can cast our anxieties upon you

For the way in which your loves restores us

For the caring friends who support us

For the Spirit which strengthens us

God of all goodness, for you enduring love – thank you!

*(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, May 2020)*

*Bible Reading - 1 Peter 5:6-11 (ESV) - read by Sirish*

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<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup> casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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### 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: John 17:1-11 (ESV) - read by Sirish

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When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. <sup>8</sup> For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

Song - We Are One in the Spirit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cfg5VTyDkyA>

### Children's Talk - The Gardener and the Vine (Lost Sheep)

Reflection: Andrea

### Prayers for the Church & World (Cheryl)

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

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

Remembering: Those who struggle with ill health (

Our indigenous brothers and sisters  
That resources from Global Interaction would inspire others to  
participate in cross-cultural work  
Those displaced by cyclones in India, Bangladesh & the Philippines  
Those affected by the plane crash in Pakistan  
Those living with the consequences of Covid 19  
South America as it appears to be next hotspot for the virus  
A vaccine, cure & treatment for Covid19  
Rising tensions in Hong Kong

God of love, hear our prayers for the peoples of all nations:

We pray for our indigenous brothers and sisters, for those traumatised by all that has been done to them – the loss of land, of family, of language, of culture. We pray for those working toward reconciliation – may we join them. Help us to see the gap in health, education, wealth. As they cast their anxiety on you, may you strengthen them and show us how best to support and care for them.

We pray for the church in all its diversity. We pray for the church often still divided by the table and baptism. We pray for those working toward reconciliation – may we join them. As they cast their anxiety on you, may you strengthen them and show us how best to support and care for them.

We pray for all those who are suffering, the grieving, those in pain, those whose lives are shattered, those who despair and need consoling. As they cast their anxiety on you, may you strengthen them and show us how best to support and care for them.

We pray for the needy – the hungry, those without work, the homeless, the poor, the orphan and the widow. As they cast their anxiety on you, may you strengthen them and show us how best to support and care for them.

Finally, we pray for ourselves, for harmony in our work, in our relationships, in our families, in our lives. Cast out all fear and give us a generosity of spirit. Strengthen our resolve to seek your unity, to live out reconciliation, to share peace, to encourage those who are despondent, to support the broken-hearted, to build up the community – so that we may all be your witnesses in all the world. We pray in the name of Jesus.  
Amen.

*(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, May 2020)*

*Song: Weave, Weave* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5W3qI0UARx8>

*Offering Cheryl*

God of grace and mercy  
We offer to you both our money and ourselves.  
We offer to you the work of the world in this neighbourhood, this nation and beyond.  
May people everywhere work with joy and dignity  
May children play together and we hear their peals of laughter  
May we reflect in our lives the community of your love. Amen.

(Based on a prayer 'Bread with Laughter', p.200 Be Our Freedom Lord)

- 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 – **Footsray Baptist Church BSB: 083 437 Account No: 515383063**

### Community Time & Notices

- **Annual General Meeting** – May 31<sup>st</sup> via zoom after a shorter service. Reports and instructions on how to vote have been emailed.

Voting to accept reports and appoint a scrutineer will be done by a show of hands.

The following are people have been nominated and we will need to vote on by ballot.

Treasurer: Len (annual appointment)

Secretary: Ros (annual appointment)

Deacons; Andrea, Grace and Marlene (two year appointment, until 2022)

Our other deacons were appointed last year and their term expires in 2021

Voting will take place via ‘Chat’ on zoom.

Members voting will be asked to ‘chat’ to Suhas and lodge their votes in the following manner

Motion 1 – Yes or No

Motion 2 – Yes or No

If more than one member is using the same zoom link, they will need to vote individually by typing their name and votes.

You will have the entire meeting to lodge your vote and then Suhas will let us know the outcomes.

- **Reflective Prayer** – Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 12.15pm via zoom, contact Ros or Cheryl for more details
- **Baptcare Sanctuary** is very grateful for all the donations Footsray Baptist has provided in the last few weeks. They still need tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables especially red kidney beans and chickpeas, tinned fruit and tinned tuna. If you are able to donate any of the following items please speak to Cheryl and we can arrange for them to be collected.

They also need:

Basmati rice

Red Lentils

Yellow dahl

Cooking oil

Red Kidney Beans

Butter Beans

Chickpeas

Tinned tomatoes

Onions & garlic

Black tea bags

Instant coffee

Milk UHT

Tumeric

Cumin

Coriander

Biscuits

Tinned fish – especially tuna

Fresh - bread, eggs, milk, yogurt, fresh fruit and vegetables.

Song: Lord of all hopefulness [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rx\\_CcBiGbps](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rx_CcBiGbps)

Sending Out (Cheryl)

Go out into the world with courage,  
And may;  
The overflowing grace of Christ Jesus,  
the embracing love of God,  
and the invigorating friendship of the Spirit,  
will be with you now and always,

**Amen!**

*(Based on a blessing by Bruce Prewer, 2001)*

*Song: For You Deep Stillness* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sl0i41fsPEg>