



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 - August 2nd, 2020

Music: A New Heart for a New World <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XiCQsndw76Q>

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

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.

Welcome everybody to worship!

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

Call to Worship

God who is beyond us,
maker of heaven and earth –

open our eyes to see the wonder of creation!

God was made known

In the life of Jesus, the Christ

Open our hearts to know the deep love of Christ!

God who lives in each one of us as Spirit

Holy fire to kindle our true purpose

Open our beings to each other to confirm that we all belong,

And together we can give birth to your new earth.

God of life, in your hand we find our lives.

Be present with us in this time together.

Let your Spirit mould us, shape us and remake us this morning and every morning and every day until we conform to the shape that you call us to take;

the shape of love known and shown in Jesus the Christ.

AMEN.

(Sources: St.Martins Presbyterian Church, Christchurch NZ & Rev Jennie Gordon)

Song - Come to the Feast <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=etWUllcMcT8>

Opening Prayer

Lord, you give all that is needed to those who look to You in hope

You open your hand and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.

We, too, turn to You again, longing to be filled

To eat of the Bread of Life,

To drink from Your life-giving streams,

To taste Your goodness and live.

May the time we spend together in Your presence nourish our hearts and minds.

May it strengthen our relationship with You.
May we renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful disciples.

FOR YOU ALONE ARE GOD, THE SOURCE AND SUSTAINER OF LIFE.

In Jesus' name AMEN

(based on Isaiah 55: 1 -3)

Bible Reading: Isaiah 55:1 -5 (NRSV)

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.
³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

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: Matthew 14: 13-21 (NRSV)

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Children's Talk <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1Ez-H6aNxA>

Reflection: Compassion Enough For All

Communion Song: Table of Plenty https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t8O_PwPIKA

Communion

Invitation

Come all you who hunger for kindness

Come all you who thirst for justice

Come to the feast of plenty

Come and partake of what is good

Come to the table of everlasting love. *(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, August 2020, based on Isaiah 55:1-5)*

Preparation

For the power of love in human life and history,
we give thanks and praise.

Long ago our ancestors knew love's power
and they became the tellers of love's tale.

Love bound them in covenant,
teaching them to live in community
with compassion and concern
for the poorest among them.

Yet centuries of domination and violence
shaped a different kind of community
based on selfishness and inequality.
In the struggle against oppression,
Jesus became the face of love,
showing us the way to abundant life.
In word and deed, he announced
love's new reign of justice, reconciliation, and peace.
Filled with the courage and passion of love's spirit,
he gave his life to challenge the unjust systems of this world.
On the night of his betrayal and arrest,
as he shared a meal with his friends,

God of love, spirit of compassion,
bless us and this bread and wine.
May this meal be food and drink for our journey—
renewing, sustaining, and making us whole.
When we eat this bread and drink from this cup
we experience again the presence of Jesus in our midst.

(Communion liturgy by Kurt Struckmeyer <http://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/?p=294>)

Words of Institution from Matthew's Gospel

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.

Sharing the bread and wine

The gifts of God for the people of God

The bread of life for all who hunger.
The cup of compassion for a broken world.

Song: Because he Lives <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4M-zwE33zHA>

Prayers for the Church & World (Cheryl)

Remembering:

- Those known to us who struggle with their health
- Those who have Covid 19, those in hospital and families who have lost loved ones in the past week
- For those living in aged care and those caring for them
- Our Chief Medical Officer and Premier who must front the public day after day often with bad news
- Politicians and Public Health officials making decisions about our welfare, tracing cases and preparing for all Victorians
- Tensions in Hong Kong
- Covid 19 – those working on cures, vaccines, treatments
- Global Interaction – the ethnic Thai people in Thailand and for the workers learning language and culture
- Baptist World Aid – Pray for children in our sponsorship projects. Praise God that there have been no reported cases of coronavirus among sponsored children! Ask God for His continued protection. Pray for children's education.
- Our friends at Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope in Footscray
- Our friends in Kenya
- Places around the globe with ever increasing Covid case numbers – especially South Africa, India, Vietnam

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

(p. 56-7 A Wee Worship Book)

Generous God,

Where people hunger for:

- Food – satisfy their needs
- Nourishment for their souls -satisfy their needs
- Understanding – satisfy their needs
- Compassion – satisfy their needs
- Healing – satisfy their needs
- Justice – satisfy their needs
- Happiness – satisfy their needs

Especially in this time of Covid lockdown give:

- Healing and comfort to those suffering
- Wisdom to those managing outbreaks
- Peace to those who panic or are anxious
- Solace to those in care

Until all are fed, none denied basic needs, none denied justice, none struggle to survive and all have plenty, we will:

- Share our bread
- Share their pain
- Offer words of hope
- Open up possibilities
- Celebrate the little wins

We pray in the name of Jesus who in the midst of his grief offered compassion. Amen.

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, August, 2020)

Song: Footprints by Laura Huval <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l453HvpqPIM>

Offering

Lord, we thank you for giving us not only what we need, but much more. Help us joyfully to accept your good gifts, especially life and fellowship with you, and to share your gifts with others. Make us generous and self-giving. Amen.

- 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

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Community Time & Notices

- **Reflective Prayer** – Tuesday August 4th at 12.15pm via zoom, contact Ros or Cheryl for more details
- **Quarterly Meeting:** Notice is given for next Quarterly Meeting – Sunday August 23rd immediately following the worship service on Zoom.
- **Bible Study Groups** – Currently a number of groups are studying 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
- **Baptist World Aid** – Check out <https://baptistworldaid.org.au/> to see how you can support community volunteer health workers being trained to make communities Covid safe in Kenya and women in Kenya making masks
- **Baptcare Sanctuary** is very grateful for all the donations Footscray Baptist has provided in the last few weeks.

They would be especially grateful for dates, nuts – almonds, pistachios

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		Tinned fruit	

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

Song: Until all are fed <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLwmYlzkb78>

Sending Out

As you go from this place

May God watch over you;

May Jesus supply your every need;

May the Spirit give you life;

May the three in one be gracious to you and keep you in their steadfast love.

Amen

(Prayer by Cheryl Williams, August 2020, based on Psalm 145 & Matthew 14)