

Order of Service - June 26th, 2022

Song

- *Oh Freedom* ([66 Oh Freedom! - The Golden Gospel Singers \(Lyrics in Description\) - 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

Throughout the ages, disciples have said, "I will follow you wherever you go."

Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.

We come from busy homes, filled with little time to consider Christ in our lives.

Lord, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.

In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.

Today, we celebrate the Holy Spirit, who shows us the joy of following God.

Lord, give us the patience to follow you

in the ways of faith. Amen.

(2 Kings 2, Galatians 5, Luke 9)

Hymn: Amazing Grace ([68 Amazing Grace \(Virtual Choir\) - YouTube](#))

Opening Prayer

God of each and every day, Thank You for this Sunday. Lord, we come before you first
and foremost with hearts of gratitude.

You have seen us through another week, and we stand at the threshold of a
fresh week, full of new beginnings.

Lord, help us start this bright embarking with You. Stir in us a deep desire to come into
further relationship with You.

Remind us that it is not solely by going to Sunday service that we worship and come
before You; rather, it is through the daily communion with You through relationship and
prayer.

(Cally Logan, a Sunday Prayer)

Scripture Reading - Luke 9:51-62

⁵¹ As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for
Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to
get things ready for him; ⁵³ but the people there did not welcome him, because he was

heading for Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” ⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then he and his disciples went to another village. ⁵⁷ As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸ Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.” ⁵⁹ He said to another man, “Follow me.” But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹ Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.” ⁶² Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

Passing the Peace

Disciples have said to their teachers, “I will follow you wherever you go.” May the peace of Christ follow you wherever you go: at home, at work, and in the world. Let us turn to one another and offer signs of this peace in our lives. (*2 Kings 2, Luke 9*)

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:1.13-25

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy,^[c] drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Children’s Talk

Reflection: Called to Freedom

Song: Freedom Is Coming [\(66\) Freedom is coming! \(Traditional\) - 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 in our community who are currently unwell

- Our friends at **Sanctuary and the Houses of Hope** in Footscray
- **Orange Sky** – the volunteers & those who use the service & share a meal with us
- Families attending the **‘Come & Try’ Playgroup**
- Those affected by floods in **Bangladesh and India**
- Those affected by the earthquake in **Afghanistan**
- Peace in **Ukraine**
- Places of unrest & conflict – **Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Syria & Ukraine**
- Places and people affected by Covid – especially those know to us & those grieving the loss of loved ones
- The peoples of **Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of the, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus & Czech Republic**
- For our neighbours at **Westhaven**
- **Baptist Mission Australia** – prayer for their work and workers in Mozambique, India and the Silk Road area
- **Baptist World Aid** – Pray for people who live lives of comfort and safety to show hospitality to strangers, and for our Partners and churches who serve communities of displaced people

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

(p. 56-7 A Wee Worship Book)

In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body, a body which is one, but which has many members; some who today grieve, others who are thankful, and yet others who experience joy.

So, we pray for them today...

God of love, surround those struggling with addiction, depression, or anger with compassion and support, free them to be all they can be.

God of joy, surround those blinded by tears, grief, disappointment with comfort and hope, free them to be all they can be.

God of peace, protect refugees and asylum seekers and all who live with conflict, especially those in Ukraine, Myanmar and Syria, free them to be all they can be.

God of patience, quieten those of us who want everything now, who can't wait. Free us to be all we can be.

God of kindness, surround those who are sick or dying and grieving with your healing presence, free them to be all they can be.

God of generosity, surround those who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere to lay their heads with all they need, free them to be all they can be.

God of faithfulness, rooted in your self-giving love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbours, free them to be all they can be.

God of gentleness surround those places hammered by fires, storms, floods, earthquakes, especially Bangladesh, India and Afghanistan with protection and assistance.

God of self-control surround all who lead and govern with your Spirit of neighbourly love, help them be all they can be.

Free us to respond to your call to follow, without being half-hearted. Free us to love, without expectations. Free us to live full and abundant lives

Sustain us, O God, nurture within us the fruit of the Spirit of grace, so that we may live freely and responsibly as followers of Jesus. **Amen.**

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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 o 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

Receive our humble offerings, O Lord, for your work in the world.

Bless those who give, those who send, and those who will receive these gifts.

May our offering sow seeds of hope and bear the fruit of love wherever they are sown.

(Galatians 5)

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

- **Bible Study** – Mondays at 5.30pm in church office
- **Sharing a Meal with Orange Sky** - Monday at 6.30pm in church office
- **Reflective Prayer** –continues on Thursday June 30th at 5pm on zoom. Please contact Cheryl or Ros for an invite.
- **Office Hours** – Grace will be in office on Tue, Wed from 10.15.am – 2.00pm. Cheryl will be there on Mon afternoons 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.
- **Food for Orange Sky** – vegemite, peanut butter, 2 min noodles
- Copies of the service and sermon can be found on our website.

Song: Brother Sister Let Me Serve You [\(68\) Brother Sister let me serve you song lyrics - YouTube](#)

Blessing

May the transforming love of God, work in your lives, today and always.

Go forth into the world with peace, love, and joy.

Follow Christ wherever he leads you.

Fulfill the promise found in the fruit of the Spirit. Amen. *(Galatians 5 & Luke 9)*