



**TOORAK  
UNITING  
CHURCH**

We are a people  
who follow Jesus.  
His words and actions  
inform our living.

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To protect our community, if you have Covid or flu-like symptoms please wear a mask during worship, particularly when singing. Maintaining a distance of 1.5m from others is also recommended.

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# Order of Service

**19 November 2023 – 10:15 am Worship Service**

**Worship Leader – Mr Duncan Turuva**

**Director of Music – Dylan Quinlan-Baskett**





destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**Anthem**            I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills - Psalm 121

William Neil McKie 1901-1984

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.  
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.  
Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;  
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.  
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in: from this time forth, for evermore. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

**Reading**            Matthew 25: 14-30

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And

the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

This is the word of the Lord.

***All: Thanks be to God.***

**Hymn 599**      Take my life, and let it be

**Sermon**          By God's grace, we are "*talent-ed*"

## **The Response of God's People**

### **Offering**

**Music**            The Marvellous work—from The Creation  
Soloist: Catriona De Vere    Franz Joseph Haydn 1732-1809  
The marvellous work behold amaz'd. The glorious hierarchy of heaven;  
And to th' ethereal vaults resound the praise of God, and of the second day.

### **Prayer of the People**

#### **The 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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.***

## **The Sending Out of God's people**

**Hymn 315**      Mine eyes have seen the glory  
of the coming of the Lord

## **Benediction**

**Postlude**      Cornet Voluntary      Henry Heron 1738-1795



The flowers in the church today are in memory of Vin De Vere and Maime Macleod, much loved father and grandmother of Richard, Tim and Catriona.

Your offering will be gratefully received via direct credit to  
Account Name: Toorak Church  
BSB: 033086 Account Number: 911892

### **Welcome to Toorak Uniting Church**

Toorak Uniting Church acknowledges and pays respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We welcome all people irrespective of race, religion, political views, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or age. Wherever you are on your faith journey, wherever you have come from and wherever you are going to, whatever you believe, whatever you do not believe, you are welcome here at Toorak Uniting Church.

Toorak Uniting Church has been a proud member of the Toorak Ecumenical Movement since signing the Ecumenical Agreement in 1980. We pray for our partner churches: St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, St John's Anglican Church and the Swedish Church.

# Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter Update 19 November 2023



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Sunday services 9am & 10:15am

*The deadline for Update submissions is 3pm on the Tuesday prior*

This Sunday's service is Duncan Turuva's last service with us. It has been a pleasure to have him serve as one of our Supply Ministers here at TUC. His preaching, prayers, and chaplaincy have been greatly loved and appreciated. Thank you, Duncan!

Duncan's ordination will take place at **4pm on the 2nd of December at 482 High Street Road, Mount Waverley 3149**. All are graciously invited to commemorate this blessing over Duncan.

## **Thank you to our servers!**

On behalf of the congregation, grateful thanks are made to our cheerful servers of refreshments following each Sunday's 10.15 worship. Kerrie, Bronwyn, Leonie, Julie, Fiona, Malcolm, Carrlo, Sandra & Deirdre regularly take on kitchen duty with good heart. (Would you like to spread the love, too?)

*Christine Brown, Chair of Coffee Committee*

## **Country Women's Association Christmas Fare 9am-2pm, Saturday 2 December | 3 Lansell Road, Toorak**

The Country Women's Association of Victoria is a philanthropic organisation that supports women, children, and families within the city, remote and regional Victoria.

Their Christmas Fare is on Saturday, the **2nd of December from 9am-2pm, at 3 Lansell Road, Toorak** and they will be selling their popular Christmas Cakes, Mince Pies, Puddings and Shortbread. You are also invited to join them for a Devonshire Tea in their beautiful Edna Walling garden—weather permitting.

Other stalls with a Christmas theme will also be present from external vendors, selling Christmas Stocking gifts. They are accepting early orders for baked goods until the 28th of November. For more information, feel free to call **03 9827 8971**.

## Café.603's Christmas Catalogue

For a full catalogue of all of Café.603's options as part of a Christmas Specials, please see Angela at the Café, or contact [cafe603atthemanse@gmail.com](mailto:cafe603atthemanse@gmail.com), or call 03 9829 0341 for more information.

### Kinross Christmas Craft Market - Last Days!

A beautiful assortment of gifts is available for purchase at this annual Kinross fundraiser. Some of our makers this year come from *Sisterworks*, a not-for-profit that works with migrant, refugee and asylum-seeker women to help them become economically empowered. On now until Tues, November 21.

### Artificial Floral Arrangements

High quality designs by Robyn Cartwright will be available for one day only - Wednesday, November 29, in the Hodges Gallery. These lasting arrangements are not like any you have seen and are not available in any retail outlets. Prices range from \$30 - \$600.

### Warragul Songs of Praise - Back on!

**2:30pm, Sunday 3 December | 64 Victoria St. Warragul**

Following the postponement of the Songs of Praise, Rodney Evans' is healing and making incredible progress. The event has now been rescheduled! The evening consists of performances from the Evans Family, with guest performances from Laura Back. This is a free event.

### October Diary Dates

Tue	21 Nov	7:30pm	Discussion Group	Zoom
Sun	26 Nov	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev John Edwards
Sun	26 Nov	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev John Edwards
Tue	28 Nov	7:30pm	Discussion Group	Zoom
Wed	29 Nov	All day	Artificial Floral Arrangement Pop-Up Shop	Hodges Gallery
Thu	30 Nov	10:00am	Prayers for Christian Unity	Church
Sun	03 Dec	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Gillian Crozier
Sun	03 Dec	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Gillian Crozier
Tue	05 Dec	7:30pm	Discussion Group	Zoom
Sun	10 Dec	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Gillian Crozier
Sun	10 Dec	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Gillian Crozier



Scan this QR-code for the Zoom link to the 7:30pm Tuesday evening Discussion Group