



**TOORAK
UNITING
CHURCH**

We are a people who follow
the way of Jesus of Nazareth.
His words and actions
inform our living today.
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Order of Service

Sunday 2 August, 2026

10:15am Worship Service

Minister: Rev Barbara Allen
Director of Music: Dylan Quinlan-Baskett



**WOUNDS
OF
LOVE**

Introit O Taste And See
 Ralph Vaughan Williams

1872-1958

*O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
Blest is the man that trusteth in Him.*

Welcome

Call to Worship

When fear and anxiety enter our doors,
God stands next to us.

When we toss and turn at night,
God sits on our beds, singing lullabies of love and presence.

When we stumble off the right path,
God's light guides us back on to it.

Come, let us worship this marvellous and generous God, who shows us what peace, love, and joy look like, in the gift of Jesus Christ.
With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

Hymn 156 Morning has broken

Prayer of Approach

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

This is the best of all:
When we are empty, God fills us.
When we are disheartened, God is compassionate.
When we are wounded, God brings healing.
When we confess our sins, God forgives.
In Christ, through Christ, and because of Christ,
Our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen

Reading Genesis 32: 22-31

Ian Thomas

Jacob wrestles with God

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

For the words of scripture that speak to the realities of our life and faith in God, ***we give thanks.***

Anthem	Oculi omnium - The eyes of all wait upon you
	Charles Wood 1866-1926

*Oculi omnium in te sperant Domine:
et tu das escam illorum in tempore opportuno.
Gloria tibi Domine. Amen.*

*[The eyes of all wait upon you O Lord:
and you give them their food in due season.
Glory to you, O Lord. Amen.]*

Reading Matthew 14: 13-21

When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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Reflection Wounds of Love

Hymn 602 O Love that wilt not let me go

Offering O Sacrum Convivium - O sacred banquet
Pietro Terzian 1765-1831

O sacrum convivium! in quo Christus sumitur recolitur memoria passionis ejus;

mens impletur gratia, et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.

[O sacred banquet! in which Christ is received, the memory of his passion is renewed, the mind filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory to us is given.]

Prayer of Dedication

Community Notices

Prayers 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 forever. Amen.***

Hymn 585 I heard the voice of Jesus say

Blessing

Go out into the world as people of peace, as stewards of creation, as comforters of the ill and the lonely.

Wrestle for truth, and for justice, in love.

The blessing of the wrestling God, the victorious Christ and the engaging Spirit, be upon us now and always, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us all now and forever. ***Amen.***

Postlude

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 2 August 2026

update@toorakuc.org.au
03 9829 0300

Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

Deadline for Update submission is 3pm on the Wednesday prior.



New contact email for submission of Update notes

As we transition to having TUC volunteers produce Update, please be advised that the email address for submitting notes has changed. From now on, please send all Update notes to update@toorakuc.org.au rather than to the Office email address.

Liferoad Singers Mission Concert | 6pm Tue, 11 August at TUC

TUC is excited to welcome the Korean Liferoad Singers' Living Hope concert to the church as part of Life Road Mission's Victorian tour. Life Road Mission is an interdenominational and multinational missionary organisation that was founded to reach people in the Silk Road region of China, Central Asia and the Middle East. The Singers are a self-supporting choir composed of classical music professionals, spreading the gospel through praise concerts and overseas touring ministries.

Please join us in welcoming the Singers as a continuation of TUC's longstanding missional connection with the Korean churches from the early days of the Australian mission to Korea. **Entry to the concert is free**, so feel free to share this invitation and bring others along for an enjoyable evening!

Grief Support Group | Elsternwick Caulfield South UC

Elsternwick Caulfield South Uniting Church is commencing a Grief Support Group on Wednesday afternoons from 19th August. Facilitated by experienced counsellors, Drs. Marnie Sather and Greg Smith, this group will provide the opportunity for people to share their experiences around tea, coffee and cake.

Sessions will commence at 2:30pm at 567 Glen Huntly Road. Gold coin donation. For inquiries, please contact Greg on **0432 596 293**.

7 August – Coffee Club

The Coffee Club Fellowship Group is an informal gathering of TUC members. We'll next get together on Friday, 7 August at 10:30am in Argyle House. Please join us for a *cuppa* and a friendly chat.

Presbytery Discipleship Seminar | 5pm on Friday, 7 August

Presbytery is hosting an evening conversation on discipleship, exploring models from around the world and how they might shape ministry and mission within our congregations. We will welcome Rev Dr Julian Hamilton in person as he helps us open up this discussion — not to provide neat answers, but to create space for thoughtful reflection and fresh ideas. Ministry Agents, Chairs, Secretaries, and anyone interested in discipleship are warmly invited to participate.

Nibbles will be from 5:00pm with the conversation beginning at 5:30pm at the **Presbytery Office, 1 Allan St, Noble Park.**

Register via shorturl.at/y2r5m. Inquiries: secretary@ucappep.org

Wesley Centre Lectures: What kind of leadership do we need?

This is the question we are asking in our spring series of 'Conversations that matter' in the lead up to the Victorian State election:

4 August: What is the economic leadership Australia needs?
with Jonathan Cornford and Catherine de Fortenay.

15 September: What kind of moral leadership does Australia need?
with Tim Costello and Jessica Hateley-Browne.

20 October: What kind of political leadership does Australia need?
with Bronwyn Pike and Paul Strangio.

Venue & Bookings: 'The School house' on Wesley Place,
130 Lonsdale St at 5:30pm, events.humanitix.com/wesley-centre-spring-series-conversations-that-matter

Christian Meditation on pause

Please note that the Christian Meditation Group will not be meeting on the next two Tuesdays, 4 and 11 August.

August Diary Dates

Sun	2 Aug	9:00am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Barbara Allen
Sun	2 Aug	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Barbara Allen
Sun	2 Aug	11:15am	Morning Tea	Faichney
Mon	3 Aug	10:30am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle House
Tue	4 Aug	4:00pm	Renew.603 Meeting	Faichney
Tue	4 Aug	7:30pm	Exploring the Bible Online	Zoom
Wed	5 Aug	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall
Fri	7 Aug	10:00am	Digital Essentials Class	Faichney
Fri	7 Aug	10:30am	Coffee Club	Argyle House
Sun	9 Aug	9:00am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Sylvia
Sun	9 Aug	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia



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Welcome to Toorak Uniting Church

Toorak Uniting Church acknowledges and respects the past and present Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island 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 continues to be 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.