



**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 19 July, 2026

Pentecost 8

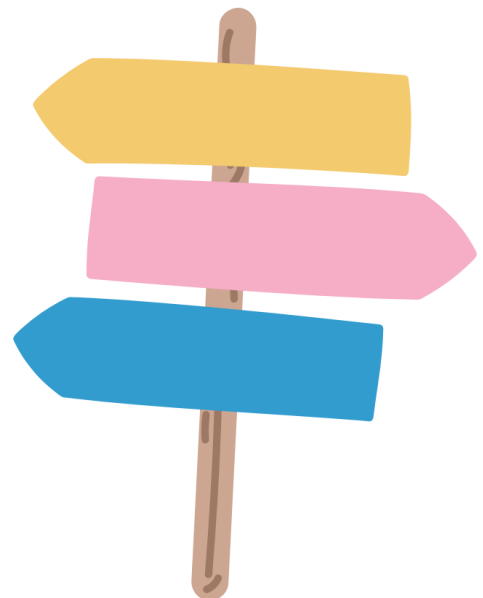
10:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion

Minister: Rev Sylvia Akauola-Tongotongo

Conductor: Ursula Paez

Organists: Elizabeth Buttery & Jeffrey Li

**Where
are we
going?**



Introit Teach me thy way, O Lord
Eric Harding Thiman

1900-1975

*Teach me Thy way, O Lord,
I will walk in Thy truth.
Unite my heart to fear Thy name.*

Welcome

Call to Worship

With lives wide open to the gift of healing,
the gift of forgiveness, the gift of life,
We gather in faith to worship God.

God of all time and of every place,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
We gather in faith to worship you.

Hymn 111 Praise to the Lord

Prayer of Awareness

Caroline Vaillant

Reading Matthew 28: 16-20

Sue McDonald

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

For the words that propel faith into action, ***we give thanks.***

Anthem Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes
Thomas Attwood

1765-1838

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end. (Psalm 119: 33)

Reflection Where are we going?

Offering

Panis Angelicus
Giovanni Pierluigi Palestrina

1525-1594

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum;

Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum:

O res mirabilis! manducat Dominum Pauper, servus et humilis.

[The bread of the angels becomes the bread of mortals;

*the bread of heaven puts an end to prefigurations. O wondrous thing!
the poor, the slave and the humble feed on their Lord.]*

Prayer of Dedication

Every day offers us the opportunity to make a difference not just in our own lives but in the lives of others. May our gratitude for life be expressed in our generosity. May our faith be expressed in commitment to justice. May our belief in the future find expression in simple acts of kindness lived out in our ordinary lives. Amen.

Community Notices

Prayers of the People

Rev Gillian Crozier

God give us grace to accept with serenity the things we cannot change, courage to change the things that should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish one from the other. Amen.

Hymn 130 We plough the fields

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Friends and family, we are invited to the feast of the hospitality of God. 'Come as you are' is the invitation to the Lord's table. At this table, there is room for all, where everyone is an honoured guest.

We, many as we are, are one body in Christ.

If we do not love our brothers and sisters whom we have seen, how can we love God whom we have not seen?

The peace of God be with you.

And God's peace be with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give thanks for the earth and its abundance for life.

We give thanks for Jesus Christ, who models love and compassion for us.

When Jesus shared a meal with his disciples, he took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "This is my body which is given for you." In the same way he took the cup, and after giving thanks, poured it out and gave it to his disciples saying, "This cup is the new relationship with God sealed with my blood."

With Holy Communion, we reaffirm our commitment to our relationship of love, with God, and with one another.

In Christ and through Christ we receive the bread of life; and the cup of compassion. The gifts of God, for the people of God.

Let us receive these gifts in faith with thanksgiving.

Distribution of Elements

The bread of life, given for you;

we are the body of Christ

The cup of compassion, poured out for you;

we receive the gift of hospitality with grateful hearts

Prayer after Communion

Living, loving, present God, thank you for your generous hospitality and love for us. May we live each day demonstrating your love, growing stronger in our love for one another, with courage and in peace. Amen.

Hymn 687 God gives us a future

Blessing

Let us go from here as people who have received the abundant hospitality of God, and share what's life-giving, in hope, in confidence and with joy.

We go with the hands of Christ, the touch of the Holy Spirit and the love of God that sustain and protect us each day.

Postlude

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 19 July 2026

office@toorakuc.org.au
03 9829 0300

Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

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



TUC Family Conversations

Our next Family Conversation will be held this **Sunday, 19 July**, during morning tea after the 10:15am service. The topics for this gathering are *'Pathways & Potholes: Celebrating signs of life and identifying challenges'*, and *'What is God calling us to? Exploring our purpose and mission'*. The last conversation will take place on **Sunday, 26 July**, and the topic will be *'Sharing insights and discerning the future direction of our Church Family'*.

Your voice is important and everyone is warmly invited to join the conversations for thoughtful discussion, fellowship and food.

19 July – Communion Sunday

Each month on the third Sunday we come together to celebrate Communion. On these Sundays we have the opportunity to donate towards the four Outreach programs we support. These programs are all under the umbrella of the Uniting Church and greatly rely on and appreciate our support. They are The Homework Hub in Pakenham, The Cranbourne Food Truck, the Boroondara Community Outreach in Kew, and SOSK (Skills, Opportunity and Survival in Kenya).

You may either donate cash into the Outreach offering bowl at the rear of the Church or donate electronically at any time to Toorak Uniting Church, marking your donation as "Outreach".

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Thank you for your heartfelt support!

Digital Essentials Class drop-in session | Monday 20 July at TUC

A beginner-friendly class designed to help improve confidence in using your own smartphone or device in a supportive classroom environment.

There will be a drop-in information and enrolment session, **11:30am-12:30pm on Monday, 20 July in the foyer of Argyle House**. Please come along if you would like to learn more or have any questions.

*If you have already enrolled, please note that the start date has been deferred to 31 July, and that classes will still be held on Fridays from 10am-12:30pm in the Faichney Room. To register now or find out more, call **9510 7052** or visit **socialplanet.com.au/activity/view?id=49580**.

Join the Update Team!

We have had a volunteer, Graeme Harris, come forward to take on the production of our important weekly congregational Update, freeing up more time in the Office to look after users of our facilities. We are looking for two others to join him to make a team. This task can be done at home and involves selecting, editing, and formatting the information that is included in Update. The printing and emailing will still be done by the Office. Please email Barbara McKinnon, chair@toorakuc.org.au, if you would like to assist with this key task.

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

TUC is excited to welcome the Korean Liferoad Singers' Living Hope concert, as part of Life Road Mission's Victorian tour. Life Road Mission is an interdenominational, multinational missionary organisation, 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 please share this invitation and bring others along for an enjoyable evening!

Church Council – Secretary position is vacant

Church Council will be meeting at 7:30pm on Thursday, 30 July. We are seeking someone to fill the role of secretary. Key tasks are circulating the agenda and reports, and recording and circulating minutes. Word processing skills are necessary. If you would be able to assist, Barbara would be delighted to hear from you. Please email chair@toorakuc.org.au or call 0405 987 890 if you would like to discuss further.

July Diary Dates

Sun	19 Jul	9:00am	Worship with Conversation HC	Rev Sylvia
Sun	19 Jul	10:15am	Worship Service HC	Rev Sylvia
Sun	19 Jul	11:15am	Morning Tea & Family Conversation	Faichney
Mon	20 Jul	10:30am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle House
Tue	21 Jul	7:30pm	Exploring the Bible online	Zoom
Tue	21 Jul	7:30pm	Christian Meditation group	Church
Wed	22 Jul	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall
Sun	26 Jul	9:00am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Sylvia
Sun	26 Jul	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia & Rev Gillian
Sun	26 Jul	11:00am	Morning Tea & Family Conversation	Faichney
Mon	27 Jul	10:30am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle House
Mon	27 Jul	11:00am	Sewing Circle	Wettenhall



Artwork: Sylvia Isaac

Your offering will be gratefully received via direct deposit to
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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.