



**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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**Masks are still recommended, especially when singing,  
and maintaining 1.5m between you and the next person is advised.**

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# Order of Service

**Sunday 5 February 2023**  
**Worship Leader**  
**Director of Music**

**10:15 am Worship Service**  
**Rev Peter Whitaker**  
**Jennifer Chou**



The Beatitudes Sermon  
*James Tissot, c.1890*

## **Prelude**

Adagio from Symphony No. 5

*Charles-Marie Widor 1844-1937*

## **Introit**

Come, let us sing to the Lord, for choir and handbells

*Hal Harold Hopson 1933 -*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE IN THIS PLACE

### Call to Worship

This house of prayer is a house of grace.

We gather here to learn our needs:

not to justify ourselves

***but to say we are sorry,***

not to cling to the familiar

***but to risk the untested,***

not to enjoy our own decency

***but to worship a holy God,***

not to practice positive thinking

***but to be caught up in God's joy.***

**Hymn 106**      Now thank we all our God

### Prayers of Approach

**Anthem**              Jesus Lay Your Head in the Window

*arr. Moses Hogan 1957-2003*

Soloist: Nicholas Tolhurst, Flute: Issie Brown

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Your word is a lamp to our feet

***and a light to our path.***

**Matthew 5: 13-16**

Chris Callahan

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

## 1 Corinthians 2: 1-20

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"  
But we have the mind of Christ.

**Hymn 161**      Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

**Sermon**        You are the Salt and Light of the world.

**Hymn 650**      Brother, sister, let me serve you

# THE SERVICE OF RESPONSE

## Dedication of Offering

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

**Offering**            The Lord Bless You and Keep You

*Peter Lutkin 1858-1931*

## Prayers of the people

**Hymn 547**            Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

## Benediction

**Postlude**            Toccata from Symphony No. 5

*Charles-Marie Widor 1844-1937*

Thank you for participating in worship with us this morning.  
Please join us afterwards for refreshments!



The flowers in the church today are from Amanda Lewis

### **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.