



**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 25 October 2026

Pentecost 22

10:15am Combined Worship Service

Minister: Rev Sylvia Akauola-Tongotongo
Director of Music: Dylan Quinlan-Baskett



*Gracious
Commandment*

Introit

Make Me To Know Thy Ways, O Lord
Fred Gramann

1950-

*Make me to know thy ways, O Lord.
Teach me thy paths, lead me in thy truth,
and teach me for thou art the God of my salvation.*

Welcome and Community Announcements

Call to Worship

People of God, come as you are. Let us give thanks for life, for each other and all that we are blessed with each day.

May our day begin with peace of mind, love in our heart and happiness in our soul. Amen.

Hymn 107 Sing praise and thanksgiving

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Living and loving God. We give thanks that we are loved with your unending and unconditional love. As you have filled us with every good gift, with grateful hearts, may we delight in sharing them with others.

May our lives contribute to creating a world of hope, of peace and of love. May that be our blessing today and every day. Amen.

Reading

Matthew 22: 34-46

Helen Thomas

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees with his reply, they thought up a fresh question of their own to ask him. One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" Jesus replied, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And a second is equally important: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All the other commandments and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

Then, surrounded by the Pharisees, Jesus asked them a question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They replied, "He is the son of David." Jesus responded, "Then why does David, speaking under the inspiration of the Spirit, call him Lord? For David said, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit in honour at my right hand, until I humble your enemies beneath your feet?"' "Since David called him Lord, how can he be his son at the same time?" No one could answer him. And after that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

In this is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem	If ye love me	
	Toby Young	1990-

If ye love me, then keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He will give you another counsellor, to be with you forever. He is the Spirit, if you love me.

Conversation with Scripture	Gracious Commandment
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Offering	Ubi Caritas	
	Ola Gjeilo	1978-

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exulemur, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

*[Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.]*

Dedication of Offering

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 217 Love divine, all loves excelling

Benediction

Postlude

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 25 October 2026

update@toorakuc.org.au
03 9829 0300

Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

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



25 October - Combined Worship Service and lunch

This Sunday Sunday, 25 October, our 9 am and 10.15 am congregations will combine for a service at 10.15 am which will be followed by lunch.

If any member of the congregation is able to bring a plate (savoury or sweet) it would be most welcome. Please drop off in the kitchen before the service and Rob Ahin will make appropriate arrangements.

Thanks to all who have contributed and to Rob A.

Monday 26 October - TUC Sewing Circle

Whether you're new or a seasoned stitcher, TUC Sewing Circle is a place for sharing ideas, learning new skills or just having a chat.

Come along and bring your latest project or just yourself!

Please arrive between 11-11:30 am with a finish time of 2:30 pm. BYO lunch, coffee and tea provided. To RSVP, contact either Margot 0409 361 877 or Angela 0407 887 596.

Ecumenical Prayers

Join us for the Ecumenical Prayers for Christian Unity at St John's Anglican Church Toorak, on Thursday 29 October 2026 at 10:30 am.

Spire Appeal

Our concert helped, but there's still a long way to go! Donations to the Spire Appeal are most welcome. If you wish, they can be tax deductible. All the details are on the TUC website:

www.toorakuc.org.au/spire-appeal

Progetto Corelli presents Voices of Serenissima

This Sunday, take a journey into the Grand Canal of Venice, the Most Serene Republic. This is a curated selection of vocal and instrumental gems from Baroque Venice, including Albinoni, Marini, Merula, Monteverdi, Vivaldi. Our organist, Dylan, is one of the performers.

It's here, at TUC, on Sunday 25 October at 3:00 pm.

To book: www.trybooking.com/DPFTA

Exploring the Bible

Our *Exploring the Bible* sessions continue each Monday at 10.30 am in Argyle House and each Tuesday at 7.30 pm by Zoom.

Further information from Rev Peter, on pcwhitaker@icloud.com.

Christian Meditation

Christian Meditation Group on 27 October will be at 7:30pm by Zoom.

There will be no meditation on 3 November (Cup Day). For more information, contact April at lirpanotes@icloud.com

Coffee Club - Friday 6 November

The next get together for our Coffee Club will be at 10:30 am on Friday 6 November in Argyle House.

All are welcome to join us for a cuppa and a friendly chat.

We look forward to meeting you then - just turn up!

Church-based candidate forums for Victorian election

Churches in Victoria are working to host "candidate forums" in many electorates ahead of the Victorian election.

The intent is to give Christians the opportunity to hear directly from their local candidates, ask questions, and make sure the concerns of the Christian community are heard during the election campaign. All major candidates are invited to speak, respond to questions and engage directly with Christians from their electorate.

Forums are listed here, and Update will watch for any that are held locally: <https://meetyourcandidates.org.au/>

Men's Lunch

We intend to have another casual lunch later this month, on the 27th. If you're interested in joining us, please speak to Rob Ahin or Ian Thomas or email Rob A at robinahin@optusnet.com.au

Breakfast Group

A number of us have been having a monthly catch-up over breakfast at a local cafe for some time. We'd welcome anyone who would like to join us at our next breakfast on Friday 30 October. We started as a men's group in our Armadale days, but this invitation is to anyone at all. For details, please speak to or email Graeme H at graeme.harris02@gmail.com

Christmas cards

Do you send traditional Christmas cards?

If you do, you might consider supporting Uniting Vic.Tas. You can order them online via: fundraise.unitingvictas.org.au/christmas-cards/.

Diary Dates

Sun	25 Oct	10.15 am	Combined Worship Service followed by lunch	Rev Sylvia Hall
Mon	26 Oct	10.30 am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle
Mon	26 Oct	11.00 am	Sewing Circle	Wettenhall
Tue	27 Oct	7.30 pm	Exploring the Bible	Zoom
Tue	27 Oct	7.30 pm	Christian Meditation	Zoom
Wed	28 Oct	5.00pm	Worship Committee	Faichney
Wed	28 Oct	7.00 pm	Handbells	Wettenhall
Thu	29 Nov	10.30 am	Ecumenical Prayers	St John's
Sun	1 Nov	9.00 am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Sylvia
Sun	1 Nov	10.15 am	Worship Service followed by morning tea	Rev Sylvia Faichney
Mon	2 Nov	10.30 am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle
Mon	2 Nov	4.00 pm	Renew.603/PCG Meeting	Wettenhall
Tue	3 Nov	All day	Public Holiday TUC closed	Office
Wed	4 Nov	7.00 pm	Handbells	Wettenhall
Thu	5 Nov	7.00 pm	Church Council	Faichney



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Welcome to Toorak Uniting Church

Toorak Uniting Church acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woiwurrung and Bunurong peoples of the East Kulin Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live, work and worship, and we pay respect to their elders past and present.

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.