



**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 27 September 2026

10:15am Worship Service

Minister: Rev Gillian Crozier
Director of Music: Dylan Quinlan-Baskett



Extraordinary!
Brilliant!
Inspiring!

THE GATHERING OF THE CONGREGATION

Introit Be still, and know that I am God
Eric Harding Thiman

1900-1975

*Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the heathen.
I will be exalted in the earth.*

Lighting the Candle

Welcome & Community News

Call to Worship

Hymn 106 Now thank we all our God

Opening Prayers

Before God and with the people of God we confess to our brokenness, to the way that we wound our life, the life of others and the life of the world.

(Silence)

May God's gracious love renew us, empower and enable us to live in love and peace.

ENGAGING WITH THE WORDS OF SCRIPTURE

The words of scripture are a lamp to our feet: ***a light to our path.***

Reading	John 13: 12-17	Adelle Merrall
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After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Anthem

Out of the deep
Charles Wood

1866-1926

*Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.
O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint.
If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss:
O Lord, who may abide it?
For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared. Amen.*

Reading

Matthew 7: 24-29

“Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!” Now when Jesus had finished saying these words, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as their scribes.

As we ponder these treasured writings from the past,
may we discover Your words for us today. **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

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Hymn

Will you come and follow me? (The Summons)
John L. Bell

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you
And you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you
And you in me?

Will you let the blinded man see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
And do such as this unseen?
And admit to what I mean in you
And you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell that fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around
Through my sight and touch and sound in you
And you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you
And you in me

OUR RESPONSE

Prayers for Others

(Silence)

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 the one from the other.

Offering God so loved the world
 Bob Chilcott

1955-

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son that whoso believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life. God so loved the world.

Dedication

Hymn 665 Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the street

Blessing

Postlude

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 27 September 2026

update@toorakuc.org.au
03 9829 0300

Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

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



Music to Inspire Concert - Calling all Bakers!

Sunday 11 October at 3:00 pm at Toorak Uniting Church

We are looking for assistance in providing biscuits, cakes, and slices for our post concert refreshments. If you are able to help in providing something sweet to go with coffee and tea after the concert it would be most appreciated. Simply drop off your plate to the church kitchen prior to the concert. We are looking forward to an afternoon of beautiful music followed by fellowship together in the Church Hall. This is a great way to begin the campaign for raising money to rebuild our historic church spire.

We look forward to seeing you on the day!

If you have any questions please contact Christine Brown.

Blessing of the Animals

Our service at 10.15 am next Sunday (4 October 2026 - St Francis Day) will be conducted by Rev Barbara Allen and will include a Blessing of the Animals. Please see previous *Updates* regarding bringing animals or momentos to the service.

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.

Music to Inspire Concert

3 pm, Sunday 11 October

Don't leave it too long. TUC needs your support. Please book as soon as you can, on the Trybooking site:

<https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1649849>.

28 September - 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 11-11:30am with a finish time of 2:30pm.

BYO lunch, coffee and tea provided.

To RSVP, contact either **Margot 0409 361 877** or **Angela 0407 887 596**.

Digital Essentials: Smart Device Class

A new term of these beginner friendly classes starts on 9 October. They're designed to help improve confidence in using your own smart phone or device in a supportive environment.

Classes are held on Fridays from 10am-1pm in the Faichney Room.

To register or find out more, call **9510 7052** or visit

socialplanet.com.au/activity/view?id=54631.

Diary Dates

Sun	27 Sep	9.00 am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Gillian
Sun	27 Sep	10.15 am	Worship Service	Rev Gillian
			followed by morning tea	Faichney
Mon	28 Sep	10.30 am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle
Mon	28 Sep	11.00 am	Sewing Circle	Wettenhall
Tue	29 Sep	7.30 pm	Christian Meditation	Church
Tue	29 Sep	7.30 pm	Exploring the Bible	Zoom
Fri	2 Oct	10.00 am	Digital Essentials Class	Faichney
Fri	2 Oct	10.30 am	Coffee Club	Argyle
Sun	4 Oct	9.00 am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Sylvia
Sun	4 Oct	10.15 am	Worship Service with Blessing of the Animals	Rev Barbara Allen
			followed by morning tea	Faichney
Mon	5 Oct	10.30 am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle
Tue	6 Oct	4.00 pm	Renew.603 Meeting	Faichney

Connecting with TUC

If you would like to become a member of the TUC Family, please scan this QR code. If you have any questions, please speak to someone on Sunday or get in touch with the Minister via minister@toorakuc.org.au.





MUSICto INSPIRE

A spring concert to raise funds for the \$2.75 M cost of essential replacement of the iconic Toorak Uniting Church spire.

3pm, Sunday October 11
603 Toorak Road, Toorak

Entry by donation

Enjoy an inspiring afternoon with timeless vocal, choral and instrumental classics spanning a variety of moods and styles.

Join us after for excellent refreshments.



MUSICto INSPIRE



Celebrating Toorak Uniting Church's long history of fine music, hear works by Mozart, Puccini, Gilbert and Sullivan, Warlock, Grieg and more. Performers from the choir, other TUC congregation members, and guest artists.

How to donate

Please scan the QR Code or visit

<https://www.trybooking.com/DPWPT>

to register your attendance and make a donation. You may also donate on the day, however we still ask that you register for catering purposes.



Uniting Church in Australia
SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA



Artwork: Sylvia Isaac

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

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, present and emerging.

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.