



**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 28 June, 2026

10:15am Combined Worship Service

Pentecost 5

Worship Leader: Elika Schaumkel
Director of Music: Dylan Quinlan-Baskett

*The Cost
of a
Cold Cup*



Introit O praise God in His holiness
Eric Harding Thiman

1900-1975

*O praise God in his holiness;
praise him in the firmament of his power.*

Call to Worship

The Lord welcomes us here today; not because we have it all together, but because we belong to Christ.

We come seeking refreshment, ready to receive the living water only God can provide.

Let us open our hearts to one another and to the Holy Spirit, worshipping the One who welcomes us all.

Acknowledgement of Country

Welcome and Passing the Peace

Hymn 125 The God of Abraham praise

Prayer of Adoration, Invocation and Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear then Christ's word of grace to us;
"Your sins are forgiven".

Thanks be to God.

Early Word – Children's Story & Family

Reading Genesis 22: 1-14

April Blackwell

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there;

Hymn 650 Brother, sister, let me serve you

Blessing

Go forth in quiet courage and open-handed faith, knowing that the God who provides on the mountain accompanies us on the road, and we are blessed with enough to share.

***May we go with a heart for noticing and welcoming;
courage for risking and giving;
freedom for breaking out of our self-focus;
and the strength to offer our own "cold cups of water" to a
thirsty world. Amen.***

Postlude

Toorak Uniting Church Newsletter

Update 28 June 2026

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Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

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



Spire Appeal has launched – donate now before EOFY

The essential spire repair on our beautiful, heritage-listed church building will cost an estimated \$2,750,000. TUC is required to pay the cost of the repairs on terms that will be agreed with Synod, and approved by the Congregation at a future meeting. On 27 June, Synod and the National Trust established a fund to receive *tax-deductible* donations for our spire repair. Some may wish to make a tax-deductible donation in this financial year, and this will be possible if the donation is received by close of business on Monday, 29 June.

Direct transfers from your bank account may be made to:

- **Account Name: National Trust of Australia (Vic)**
- **BSB: 033 000**
- **Account Number: 937 419**
- **Reference: 791 Toorak Uniting**

If you want to make a donation this financial year, please don't hesitate to speak to Tim Brown after church, or contact him on **0412 424 724** or **tcarlislebrown@gmail.com** to get additional details that need to be emailed to the National Trust.

Special morning tea this Sunday, 28 June and presentation from Uniting AgeWell

A reminder that this Sunday we are having a Whole Church family service at 10:15am, with no 9am service and a special morning tea to follow. Morning tea will include a presentation from representatives of Uniting AgeWell, speaking about their vision for our site and working together. Savoury and sweet contributions are most welcome.

3 July – Coffee Club

TUC's monthly Coffee Club is meeting on **Friday, 3 July at 10:30am** in Argyle House. Please join us for a 'cuppa' and to share in friendship and fellowship.

TUC Family Conversations: 14 June – 26 July

Over the next month, we will be holding intentional conversation sessions during morning tea after the 10:15am services. These gatherings will provide an opportunity for fostering our relationships, clarifying our identity, refocusing our purpose, and discerning where to go from here.

Upcoming Dates and Topics:

- **28 June** – Uniting AgeWell on their vision for our site and working together. Planned TUC Family Conversation to be included on 12/7.
- **12 July** – Pathways & Potholes: Celebrating signs of life and identifying challenges + What is God calling us to? Exploring our purpose and mission
- **26 July** – 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.

Campus Manager retirement gift - last chance to contribute!

Our much-valued Campus Manager, Richard De Vere, is retiring on Tuesday, 30 June. Richard has made an enormous contribution to TUC and his cheerful competence will be missed. If you would like to contribute to a farewell gift, please use the same account details as for the TUC offering with “**Richard gift**” in the reference field. Thank you.

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

TUC is excited to welcome Life Road Singers' Living Hope concert to the church as part of Life Road Mission's Victorian tour. Entry is free! Please share this invitation with others. More details to follow.

June - July Diary Dates

Sun	28 Jun	10:15am	Combined Worship Service	Elika Schaumkel
Sun	28 Jun	11:15am	Morning Tea & U. AgeWell Presentation	Hall
Mon	29 Jun	10:30am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle House
Tue	30 Jun	7:30pm	Exploring the Bible Online	Zoom
Tue	30 Jun	7:30pm	Christian Meditation Group	Church
Wed	01 Jul	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall
Fri	03 Jul	10:30am	Coffee Club	Argyle House
Sun	05 Jul	9:00am	Worship with Conversation	Rev Sylvia
Sun	05 Jul	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
Sun	05 Jul	11:15am	Morning Tea	Faichney
Mon	06 Jul	10:30am	Exploring the Bible	Argyle House
Tue	07 Jul	4:00pm	Renew.603 Meeting	Faichney



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The flowers in the church today are given by Wanda Sumual.

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 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.