



**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 22 March, 2026

10:15am Worship Service

Minister: Rev Peter Whitaker
Director of Music: Dylan Quinlan-Baskett

**ENEMY
OF
APATHY**

Prayers of Approach

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Your word is a lamp to our feet: *and a light to our path.*

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Julie Frazer

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

Anthem

Romans 8: 1-11

Alexandra Legge

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Lord may your word live in us: ***and bear much fruit to your glory.***

Hymn 398 Come down, O Love divine

Sermon Enemy of Apathy

Hymn 418 She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters

Notices

Offering 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.*

Our Prayer for Others

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 for ever. Amen.***

Hymn 465 Father in heaven

Benediction

Chant Bless the Lord, my soul
Jacques Berthier

1923-1994

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

From the Taizé Community, 1978.

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Update 22 March 2026

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Sunday services:
9am & 10:15am

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



Kinross Café

Please stay for tea and coffee after the service on Sunday, 22 March for an important update on plans for the Café and Argyle House.

Ecumenical Good Friday Witness Walk

The Ecumenical Good Friday Witness Walk is taking place on **Friday, 3 April** following TUC's Good Friday Worship Service. The walk will commence at **St John's Anglican Church at 11:30am** and end at TUC approximately 45 minutes later where we will have fellowship and a morning tea of Hot Cross Buns in the Hall.

We will need some volunteers to prepare and serve the buns, so please speak with Rev Sylvia or Stan Laugher if you're able to help.

Rev Gillian Crozier

We are delighted to welcome Rev Gillian Crozier and her husband Bob into membership of TUC and are very pleased that she will also be supporting Rev Sylvia as an Associate Minister, an unpaid position that recognises the ongoing vocation of retired Ministers.

Ecumenical Lenten Studies

The concluding study led by Rev Peter Whitaker on the theme of "*Reflections on the Meaning of the Cross*" will be held at St John's Anglican Church on **Tuesday, 24 March at 7pm**.

TUC's digital sign is finally on it's way!

It would be wonderful to have someone with a marketing bent join the Communications Committee to assist with planning the display so that we can communicate most effectively with the wider community.

Change to Exploring the Bible

The regular Zoom-based Exploring the Bible group will **not meet on Tuesday evenings until after Easter**, including 24 and 31 March.

A Day of Beautiful Things | 10am-3pm on Saturday, March 28 in the Wettenhall Room

Jill Nazar, Pamela Dean, and Robyn Cartwright will be holding a pop-up market in the Wettenhall Room featuring cashmere dressing gowns, cardigans, capes, baby blankets, embroidered jackets and more along with distinctive and unique jewellery and stunning artificial floral arrangements. Entry is by gold coin donation.

The sale of Robyn's floral arrangements will continue on **Sunday, March 29 from 9:45am-12:45pm** and Jill & Pamela are also exhibiting at St Paul's Church in Canterbury on Thursday, March 26 from 10am-3pm. More information about the day and the exhibitors contact details can be found on the flyers | at the back of the Church and the table outside the Office.

Educate 10,000 initiative

In these times of heightened antisemitism, TUC's Church Council draws members' attention to the Jewish Community Council of Victoria's "Educate 10,000" initiative which aims to promote social cohesion and understanding of Australian Jewish identity and history, and to combat antisemitism.

As part of the JCCV's initiative, the Jewish Museum of Australia is offering free 2-hour introductory sessions at **1:30pm on Wednesdays and 10:00am on Thursdays until 30 April, 2026**. Sessions include an introduction to Jewish life and community demographics, a Museum tour, and an introduction to historical and current forms of antisemitism.

Further details can be found at <https://jccv.org.au/>. To book into a session, please visit <https://shorturl.at/rn7K1>. If you do attend, please let James Barber know via jbarber@vicbar.com.au as Church Council would like to be able to report to the JCCV how many of the TUC Congregation have participated.

March Diary Dates

Sun	22 Mar	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Peter
Sun	22 Mar	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Peter
Sun	22 Mar	11:15am	Morning Tea	Hall
Mon	23 Mar	10:30am	Exploring the Bible	Kinross Café
Mon	23 Mar	11:00am	TUC Sewing Circle	Wettenhall Room
Tue	24 Mar	7:00pm	TEM Lenten Studies	St John's Church
Tue	24 Mar	7:30pm	Christian Meditation Group	Online
Wed	25 Mar	5:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting	Faichney Room
Wed	25 Mar	7:00pm	Handbells	Wettenhall Room
Thu	26 Mar	10:30am	Prayers for Christian Unity	St Peter's Church
Sun	29 Mar	9:00am	Worship in the Round	Rev Sylvia
Sun	29 Mar	10:15am	Worship Service	Rev Sylvia
Sun	29 Mar	11:15am	Morning Tea	Hall



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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 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.