



**TOORAK
UNITING
CHURCH**

We are a people
who follow Jesus.
His words and actions
inform our living.

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To protect our community, if you have Covid or flu-like symptoms please wear a mask during worship, particularly when singing. Maintaining a distance of 1.5m from others is also recommended.

Order of Service

11 February 2024 – 9:00am Worship in the Round

Worship Leader – Rev Gillian Crozier

Organist – Jonathan Lancaster



Cause they've been swimming in the wrong waters. Now they're pulling me down.

By Nikko Macaspac

GATHERING OF COMMUNITY

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY NEWS

OPENING PRAYER

BIBLE READING AND OUR RESPONSE

Reading Mark 12: 28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself", - this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

PEOPLE ARE DROWNING—DISCUSSION

Dietrich Bonhoeffer: The church is only the church when it exists for others.

Archbishop William Temple: The church is the only organisation which exists for the benefit of those who are not its members.

Hymn 650 Brother, sister, let me serve you

OUR PRAYER FOR OTHERS

The Serenity Prayer:

***All: 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.***

BLESSING



The flowers in church this week are from Pamela Wilson

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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.