



**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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Masks are no longer mandated indoors, nevertheless, social distancing is still recommended and there will be members of the congregation who feel more secure wearing a mask. Please ensure that all feel welcome by allowing plenty of space.

Order of Service

Sunday 3 July 2022

10:15 am Worship Service

Worship Leader

Rev. Peter Whitaker

Director of Music

Jennifer Chou



*Naaman washes in the Jordan River,
12th century Germany*

Introit

Do not fear

Fred Gramann 1950-

Soloist: Catriona De Vere

Welcome by Duty Elder

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

We begin today's liturgy by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we gather, the land of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung peoples of the Kulin Nation, and we pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

We also recognise that this first Sunday in July marks the beginning of NAIDOC Week (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) which celebrates the history, culture and achievements of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, recognising their dispossession through the process of colonisation and the need for pathways to reconciliation.

Call to Worship

Psalm 89: 6, 7, 14 & 1

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.

For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?
Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,
***a God feared in the council of the holy ones,
great and awesome above all that are around him?***

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn 179 Praise with joy the world's Creator

Prayers of Approach

Anthem All things bright and beautiful *John Rutter 1945-*

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

Reading 2 Kings 5: 1-14 Anne Smith

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He

would cure him of his leprosy.” So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, “Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.”

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, “When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.” When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.”

Reading Galatians 6: 7-10

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

Hymn 420 Holy Spirit, go before us

Sermon God’s Way vs. Our Way

Hymn 690 Beauty for brokenness

THE SERVICE OF RESPONSE

Dedication of Offering

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Offering Lift thine eyes from Elijah

Felix Mendelssohn 1809-1847

Soloists: Catriona De Vere, Issie Brown, Ursula Paez

Prayers of the People

Hymn 416 Great God, your Spirit

Benediction

May the God who dances in creation, who embraces us with human love, and who shakes our lives like thunder, bless us and drive us out with power to fill the world with justice and with peace. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Postlude

Toccata from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor 1844-1937



The flowers in the church today are from Lyn McAlister
in memory of her brother and parents

Welcome to Toorak Uniting Church

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.