



**Brougham Place Uniting Church**

August 24, 2025

Preacher: Rev Linda Driver

Pentecost 11. Green

***Kardlayirdi Karnungga***

***A Light on the Hill***

We acknowledge the Kurna people as the traditional carers of the land on which our church is built.

*As you wait for worship to begin, please turn your phone to silent.*

Prelude

## Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country

Naa marni?      *(Are you all good?)*

**Marni Ai!**      *(Good I am)*

## Introit and Lighting of the Candles

*How Firm a Foundation (Keen/Trad American. TiS 578)*

## Call to Worship

From my first to my last:

**O God, you are my rock.**

From beginning to end:

**O God, you nurture the world.**

Be present with us in this time and this place.

**We worship you, O God.**

## Opening Prayer

Creator-of-all,

it is a mystery to us

how you weave all life together,

holding all in your hands,

nurturing each element of the universe from dust.

And as you mother all things into life,

you accompany us, even here, even now.

We ask that you would be among us,

set your Spirit upon us,

call us again to live with Christ's love.

**We agree! Amen!**

We sing: *All Are Welcome (All Belong)*

*Refrain:*

*All are welcome in this place,  
Behold Love's amazing grace.  
All are welcome! All are welcome!  
Bring your hopes, bring your dreams.  
Mercy flows and Love redeems!  
All are welcome! All belong!*

1. Welcome all the broken hearted,  
all who sorrow and despair.  
You are not alone,  
for you are God's own!  
Together, we sing and we proclaim!

*Refrain*

2. Welcome, all who suffer violence, all who  
long for safety and for peace.  
You are not alone,  
for you are God's own!  
Together, we sing and we proclaim!

*Refrain*

3. Welcome, all who are forgotten,  
excluded and dignity denied!  
You are not alone,  
for you are God's own!  
Together, we sing and we proclaim!

*Refrain*

4. Welcome, all who work for justice, bringing  
hope, charity and peace!  
You are not alone,  
for you are God's own!  
Together, we sing and we proclaim!

*Refrain*

## Prayer of Confession (*from Psalm 71:1-6*)

In you, Loving God, I take refuge;  
**let me never be put to shame.**  
In your righteousness free me and rescue me;  
**turn your ear to me and save me.**  
Be to me a place of safety and security,  
**a strong fortress, to protect me,**  
for you are my rock and my fortress.  
**For you, O God, are my hope,**  
my trust, O God, from my youngest days.  
**We agree! Amen!**

## Words of Grace

Creator has not left us.  
Christ is among us,  
God's Spirit is in the midst of the world.  
**Thanks be to God! We agree! Amen!**

## Passing of the Peace

The peace of our God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Community News and Notices



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## Children's Time (Exploring the Theme)

Children and Young People may go downstairs for Sunday School and Youth. Parents, you are welcome to join your child in Sunday School if you feel your child may need your assistance. Alternatively, you may wish for your child to remain with you for the duration of worship. Activity packs are available at the entrances.

## Anthem

*Christ is the World's True Light (Briggs / Stanton)*

### Scripture Reading: *Jeremiah 1:4–10*

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the Lord said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy,’  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you.  
Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
says the Lord.”

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.  
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.”

From this shines forth the Word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Message

## We sing: *Loving Spirit*

*Together in Song 417*

1. Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,  
you have chosen me to be -  
you have drawn me to your wonder,  
you have set your sign on me.
2. Like a mother you enfold me,  
hold my life within your own,  
feed me with your very body,  
form me of your flesh and bone.
3. Like a father you protect me,  
teach me the discerning eye,  
hoist me up upon your shoulder,  
let me see the world from high.
4. Friend and lover, in your closeness  
I am known and held and blessed:  
in your promise is my comfort,  
in your presence I may rest.
5. Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,  
you have chosen me to be -  
you have drawn me to your wonder,  
you have set your sign on me.

## Prayers of the People

*Response:*

Give us eyes  
**to see what is unjust,**  
give us mouths  
**to call injustice,**  
give us hands  
**to build something new.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us saying...

**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 forever. Amen.**

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## Offering Prayer

Gracious God, we give you thanks for life, for your presence, for the gifts that we receive. May these gifts be used to build a world of justice, compassion, and grace.

**We agree! Amen!**

## We sing: *Lord of all Hopefulness*

*Together in Song 613*

1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labours and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## Sending Forth and Benediction

God called Jeremiah!  
God also calls us, calls you:  
to follow after Christ  
to live with compassion,  
to call out injustice  
to build communities of love,  
with God's Spirit as your companion.

Go in peace to love and serve God.  
**In the name of Christ, we agree! Amen!**

## Choral Blessing

*Shalom My Friends (Ambler / Nairn)*



Extroit

*It is appropriate to depart during the Extroit if you wish*

*Come and share morning tea together, in the basement.  
There are stairs behind the organ and a ramp between  
the church and the car park. All are welcome!*

*Thank you for joining us for worship!  
If you would like to get in touch or request a prayer,  
please make use of the Contact Cards in the pews and  
next to the Offering Bowl. Alternately, you can email our  
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### *Congregation Hymns and Songs:*

*All Are Welcome All Belong*

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