



## **Brougham Place Uniting Church**

Sunday October 5, 2025, 10.00am

Preacher: Rev Linda Driver

Pentecost 17C. Older Person's Sunday. 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)*

## Call to Worship

At this time,  
as we gather in person and online,  
let us worship God.  
Throughout our lives, we celebrate life.  
**Let us praise God for the gift of life.**

## Lighting of the Candles

We sing: *Take This Moment*

1. Take this moment, sign, and space,  
take my friends around.  
Here among us make the place  
where your love is found.
2. Take the time to call my name,  
take the time to mend  
who I am and what I've been,  
all I've failed to tend.
3. Take the tiredness of my days,  
take my past regret,  
letting your forgiveness touch  
all I can't forget.
4. Take the little child in me,  
scared of growing old.  
Help them here to find their worth,  
made in Christ's own mould.
5. Take my talents, take my skills,  
take what's yet to be.  
Let my life be yours, and yet,  
let it still be me.

## Opening Prayer

God our Creator,  
Our thoughts cannot contain you; our words fall short of your vastness. Yet you are our God.

God of all ages, your breath gives us life.  
Your hands shape our being.  
Your artistry in creation leaves us gasping in wonder,  
longing to experience all that you have made.  
In each person, uniquely and wonderfully made, there you are.  
Accept us again, O ancient yet ever new God,  
as we gather to worship and adore you.  
**Amen.**

## Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we know that there is a time to be born,  
a time to grow old and a time to die.  
We know that ageing is a part of life.  
**Yet sometimes we forget.**

Sometimes we fail to embrace the life of our older people.  
We confess that we sometimes do not hear their voices, their needs and concerns.  
In our busy daily life, sometimes we just don't stop and listen.  
**Forgive us when we close our ears to our older people.**

We confess that we sometimes become reluctant to share precious resources of life with our older people.  
In this competitive world, too often our priorities go to where we readily see new life, youth and the promise of worldly success.  
**Forgive us for our failure to share.**

We confess that many Indigenous Australians never know old age, or become old before their time, through the struggles in their lives.  
**Forgive us when we fail to notice and act.**

Loving God, the Giver of Life,  
bring to us the awareness that our life depends on each other.  
We are called to uphold each other, especially those who are weak,  
frail and vulnerable.

**Fill us with your compassion, love and grace,  
the grace that walks with us, embracing even our death.**

In the name of Christ,  
**Amen.**

## Words of Assurance

God is love.  
Through Christ, God reaches out to us,  
embracing the young and the old,  
the strong and the weak,  
the living and the dying.  
In Christ we are one.  
**Thanks be to God, Amen**

## We sing: *Great is your Faithfulness*

*Tune: Together in Song 154. Words: New Century Hymnal*

1. Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator,  
with you no shadow of turning we see.  
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;  
all of your goodness forever will be.

*Refrain:*

*Great is your faithfulness!*

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*Morning by morning new mercies I see;*

*All I have needed your hand has provided,*

*Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!*

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
to your great faithfulness, mercy, and love

*Refrain:*

3. Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,  
your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

*Refrain*

Passing of the Peace

May the grace and peace of our God be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

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What has Sustained your Faith?

Children's Time (Exploring the Theme)

Communion

*The children are invited to sit with their families.*

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give our thanks to God:

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to our God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is a right, good, and a joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give our thanks to you, who sustains the weary, gives heart to the hopeless, and leads us on the road for us to follow.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices, here and now, with the faithful of every time and place, we bless and praise your glorious name, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy God of all that is,  
all that was and all that will be.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray together in the words that Jesus taught us:

**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.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### The Communion

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

We sing: *Wa Emimimo*

Wa wa wa Emimimo,  
Wa wa wa Alagbara,  
Wao, wao, wao.

Come, O Holy Spirit, come.  
Come, Almighty Spirit, come.  
Come, come, come.

### Scripture Readings:

LUKE 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

From this shines forth the Word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Message

We sing: *Christ Be Our Light*

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.



*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

*Refrain*

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

*Refrain*

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others  
walls made of living stone.

*Refrain*

5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

*Refrain*

## Prayers of the People

## Offering



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Alternatively, there is an offering bowl near the lectern  
on the left-hand side as you exit the church.

## Offering Prayer

We dedicate our Offerings, O God, for the work of your church,  
asking that you use all that we have, and all that we are,  
in your service.

**Amen.**

## Sending Forth and Benediction

May the Giver of Life of all generations,  
whose love spans our years,  
keep us ever mindful of the wonderful gift of life,  
from childhood to fulfilment of age,  
so that we may rejoice in each other,  
and live our days with respect, compassion and mutual  
responsibility;  
to the glory of Christ.

May the blessing of the one God  
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
be with you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## We sing: *Doxology*

*Tune: TiS 768 (i)*

Praise God, the Source of life and birth;  
praise God, the Word, who came to earth;  
praise God the spirit, holy flame:  
All glory, honour to God's name. Amen

## Postlude

*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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### Wa Emimimo

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### Christ Be Our Light

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