



# What Sustains Your Faith?

**Brougham Place Uniting Church**

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Baptism of Jesus. White.

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***A Light on the Hill***

Welcome to Brougham Place Uniting Church.

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)

## Lighting of the Candles

As we light the candles, we are reminded with joy that the light of Christ has come into the world.

## Call to Worship

*From Psalm 29*

The psalmist reminds us:  
Children of God,  
Ascribe to God glory and strength.  
Ascribe to God the glory due to God,  
and join us together to worship God's holy splendour.  
**Thanks be to you, O God.**

The psalmist reminds us:  
The voice of God is over the waters.  
The voice of God thunders.  
The voice of God is strong and majestic.  
The voice of God can break trees and make animals jump.  
The voice of God cries out in the wilderness.  
The voice of God resonates through the forest.  
**Thanks be to you, O God.**

The psalmist reminds us:  
The voice of God gives strength to God's people.  
The voice of God brings blessings of peace.  
Thanks be to you, O God.  
**Amen.**

## We sing: *You Are Holy*

*Together in Song 753*

1. You are holy, you are whole.  
You are always evermore  
than we ever understand.  
You are always at hand.  
Blessèd are you coming near;  
blessèd are you coming here  
to your church in wine and bread,  
raised from soil,  
raised from dead.
2. You are holy,  
you are wholeness,  
you are present,  
let the cosmos praise you, Lord!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
hallelujah, hallelujah, our Lord!  
hallelujah, hallelujah, our Lord!

## Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,  
we confess the times that we have not listened to your message of love.

We confess the times we have let selfish interests dominate.  
We confess the times we have not spoken up for what is right.

**God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Time for silent contemplation*

## Words of Grace

Hear these words of grace:

God is loving and quick to forgive all who come in repentance. May you feel the peace of God flowing through you today and always.  
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.*

## We sing: *Like a Candle*

1. Like a candle burning wildly,  
raging soft and against the night,  
spark that leaps to clear the shadows,  
sending warm disturbing light.  
We are called to live the passion.  
Hope stands strong against all pain.  
For it's only in the burning  
that the candle shows its flame.
2. Like a river running freely,  
rapids swirl beside our feet,  
swiftly flowing from the highland,  
comes to rest, still waters meet.  
All our journeys rising, falling,  
making turns we least expect,  
when the Spirit churns within us,  
know God's power through the test.

3. Like an angel walking lightly  
on this fragile earth of clay,  
touching folk with raw compassion  
laughing, playing on the way,  
Freely living every moment  
in the mystery of grace.  
Giving, dying, living, rising  
- see the beauty of God's face.
4. See the hope that burns in darkness,  
show compassion strong and kind,  
bind the hurt and broken-hearted,  
be God's hands and voice and eyes.  
Sing a new song ev'ry sunrise,  
climb to places out of reach,  
walk in freedom in God's Spirit,  
as we die so we shall live.
5. We are called to live the passion.  
Hope stands strong against all pain.  
For it's only in the burning  
that the candle shows its flame.

Scripture Readings: *Isaiah 42:1-9 and Matthew 3:13-17*

ISAIAH 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry out or lift up his voice  
or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth,  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,  
    who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
    who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
    and spirit to those who walk in it:  
I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;  
    I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
    a light to the nations,  
    to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
    from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
I am the Lord; that is my name;  
    my glory I give to no other,  
    nor my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have come to pass,  
    and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
    I tell you of them.

#### MATTHEW 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

From this shines forth the Word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message: *What Sustains Your Faith?*

We sing: *Spirit Brooding*

1. Spirit, brooding in the silence,  
stirs the emptiness to light.  
Soundless booms disturb the void,  
and captured mass explodes in flight.  
Spirit still you hover broody,  
still this rock turns by your might,  
nurtured by the heart of wisdom,  
cherished at the source of life.
2. Holy Dove descends on Jordan,  
sacred water soaked in light.  
Heaven thunders, "My beloved!"  
Jesus bathed in God's delight.  
Spirit's wealth of love and beauty,  
Spirit's healing comfort shared.  
Word of God, gentle and mighty,  
Spirit born and Spirit fed.
3. Spirit brooding through the city,  
hovers over those who wait;  
like a drawstring brings them closer,  
sends a sign beyond debate.  
Tongues of fire and wind of tempest,  
words beyond all knowing raised.  
Celebration and vocation,  
in this harmony of praise.
4. When we sense this world a-stirring,  
waiting people lift their eyes.  
Wind and flame about us whirling,  
revelation undisguised.  
Broody Spirit, nurture wisdom,  
gift your people yet again.  
Rouse, enthuse, disturb, empow'r us,  
as you have since time began.

## Prayers of the People

### 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.**



Offering

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### Offering Prayer

God of Life,  
may these gifts of offering be used for your work in this place.  
In Jesus' name,  
Amen.

### Sending Forth and Benediction



We sing: *May The Feet of God Walk With You*

May the feet of God walk with you,  
and his hand hold you tight.  
May the eye of God rest on you,  
and his ear hear your cry.  
May the smile of God be for you,  
and his breath give you life.  
May the Child of God grow in you,  
and his love bring you home.

Extroit

*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  
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Linda Driver: [lindad@bpuc.org](mailto:lindad@bpuc.org)*

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*Congregation Hymns:*

You Are Holy

Together in Song 753

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Walk As One Songbook

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