



## **Brougham Place Uniting Church**

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## ***Kardlayirdi Karnungga***

### ***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)*

## Call to Worship

All who search for a place of calm, come;

**we come to shelter in the rock, who is our God.**

All who are ready to journey, come;

**we come to walk the way Christ sets before us.**

All who long to belong to a community, come;

**we come to be shaped as living stones by the Spirit.**

All who gather today, come and worship;

**we come to worship the God of resurrection life.**

## Opening Prayer

God of mercy and loving kindness,

we come to you in gratitude for all you have done.

You call us from the shadows into the brightness of your truth.

Teach us what it means to be your people,

so we can make known what you have done.

We ask this in the name of the risen Christ, amen.

## Lighting of the Candles

We sing: *All Are Welcome*

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*Refrain:*

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

*Refrain*

3. Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

*Refrain*

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face:  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

*Refrain*

5. Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

*Refrain:*

## Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you call us to be living stones,  
but sometimes our hearts are hard.  
You call us to be living stones,  
but we don't always like the place where you have put us.  
You call us to be living stones,  
but sometimes we make others stumble.

*A time of silence*

Have mercy on us and treat us with kindness, we pray.  
Amen.

## Words of Grace

God is good to us.  
Know that you are still called and special to God.  
Take your place where you are called among God's people  
and tell of the wonderful things God has done in Jesus.  
**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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[read past issues](#) on our website: [www.bpuc.org](http://www.bpuc.org)

## Scripture Reading: *1 Peter 2:2-10*

Be like newborn babies who are thirsty for the pure spiritual milk that will help you grow and be saved. You have already found out how good the Lord really is.

Come to Jesus Christ. He is the living stone people have rejected, but which God has chosen and highly honoured. And now you are living stones being used to build a spiritual house. You are also a group of holy priests, and with the help of Jesus Christ you will offer sacrifices that please God. It is just as God says in the Scriptures,

“Look! I am placing in Zion  
a choice and precious  
cornerstone.  
No one who has faith  
in this one  
will be disappointed.”

You are followers of the Lord, and this stone is precious to you. But it isn't precious to those who refuse to follow him. They are the builders who tossed aside the stone that turned out to be the most important one of all. They disobeyed the message and stumbled and fell over this stone because they were doomed.

But you are God's chosen and special people. You are a group of royal priests and a holy nation. God has brought you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Now you must tell all the wonderful things he has done. The Scriptures say,

“Once you were nobody.  
Now you are God's people.  
At one time no one  
had mercy on you.  
Now God has treated you  
with kindness.”

We sing: *Jesus is the Rock (TiS 669)*

*Refrain:*

*Well, Jesus is the rock,  
his love never stops;  
the world's in his hands,  
there's no shifting sands  
if Jesus is your rock. (Repeat chorus)*

1. If your world's caving in around you  
and you don't know where to turn,  
take a look at Jesus: there's plenty there to learn.  
If your life is built on shifting sand  
you don't follow God at all;  
when the rain and the flood and the wind come up  
there'll be a mighty fall.

*Refrain*

2. When all the rain is falling and  
the floods are coming down,  
all the winds are blowing, you never will be drowned  
if your life is  
built on Jesus  
and all he has said;  
you'll be laughing at the storm  
all snuggled in your bed.

*Refrain*

Children's Time (Exploring the Theme)

*Following Children's Time, the children will sit with their families for Communion.*

We sing: *Feed Us Now (TiS 538 v1, 2)*

1. Feed us now Bread of life,  
in this holy meal;  
let us know your love anew:  
we hunger for you.  
Feed us now, Bread of life,  
come and live within;  
let your peace be ours today,  
Lord Jesus, we pray.
2. Piece of bread, cup of wine:  
Lord, this food is good:  
love and mercy come to us -  
your promise we trust.  
Piece of bread, cup of wine:  
who can understand  
how his mercy works in these?  
Yet, Lord, we believe.

## Communion

### INVITATION

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We come to God with our prayers of thanksgiving.

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.**

...to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**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.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.**

**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

We break this bread  
and take this cup  
so that we can all share in the life of Christ.  
**The gifts of God for the people of God.**

## THE COMMUNION

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We sing: *Feed Us Now (TiS 538 v3)*

3. God is here, O so near,  
nearer than our thoughts.  
Stay with us where'er we go;  
Lord, help us to grow.  
God is here, O so near,  
in this heaven's meal.  
May we always feed on you –  
on the bread that is true.

*Children may go downstairs for Sunday School.*

*Youth will remain in the service for Communion Sunday.*

*Parents of young children, 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.*

## Scripture Reading: *John 14:1-14*

Jesus said to his disciples, "Don't be worried! Have faith in God and have faith in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house. I wouldn't tell you this, unless it was true. I am going there to prepare a place for each of you. After I have done this, I will come back and take you with me. Then we will be together. You know the way to where I am going."

Thomas said, "Lord, we don't even know where you are going! How can we know the way?"

"I am the way, the truth, and the life!" Jesus answered. "Without me, no one can go to the Father. If you had really known me, you would have known the Father. But from now on, you do know him, and you have seen him."

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father. That is all we need."

Jesus replied:

Philip, I have been with you for a long time. Don't you know who I am? If you have seen me, you have seen the Father. How can you ask me to show you the Father? Don't you believe that I am one with the Father and that the Father is one with me? What I say isn't said on my own. The Father who lives in me does these things.

Have faith in me when I say that the Father is one with me and that I am one with the Father. Or else have faith in me simply because of the things I do. I tell you for certain that if you have faith in me, you will do the same things I am doing. You will do even greater things, now that I am going back to the Father. Ask me, and I will do whatever you ask. This way the Son will bring honor to the Father. I will do whatever you ask me to do.

From this shines forth the Word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Message

We sing: *In My Father's House*

1. Rainbow of colours, a complex of creeds;  
age old perspectives meet fresh ways to see.  
Everyone welcome, fling open the doors  
you'll learn of my path and I'll learn from yours.

*Refrain:*

*In my father's house there are many rooms  
but no walls to divide.*

*In my father's house there are many rooms  
the gates are open wide.*

2. The strong and the scared come from left and right.  
We're not so different seen in this light.  
There at the table a banquet is served.  
For every person a place is reserved.

*Refrain*

3. Some greet a stranger, some serve the poor;  
some shake the system right to its core.  
Some have found true faith, others still search  
'cause it takes all kinds to make up a church.

*Refrain*

4. A voice for the voiceless, justice for all,  
and for the listless a clarion call.  
A church of inclusion we're bringing to birth.  
Just like in heaven it can be on earth.

*Refrain*

## Prayers of the People

..As the dust settles, in their time of need,  
**be their rock and lead them to safety.**

..May they find support from others, including us,  
in their time of need,  
**be their rock and lead them to safety.**

..May they find your comforting presence  
in their time of need,  
**be their rock and lead them to safety.**

..May they be strong and reliable in their time of need,  
**be their rock and lead them to safety.**  
**Amen.**

## 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 sing: *God Gives Us a Future (TiS 687)*

1. God gives us a future,  
daring us to go  
into dreams and dangers  
on a path unknown.  
We will face tomorrow  
in the Spirit's power,  
we will let God change us,  
for new life starts now.

2. We must leave behind us  
sins of yesterday,  
for God's new beginning  
is a better way.  
Fear and doubt and habit  
must not hold us back:  
God gives hope, and insight,  
and the strength we lack.
  
3. Holy Spirit, teach us  
how to read the signs,  
how to meet the challenge  
of our troubled times.  
Love us into action,  
stir us into prayer,  
till we choose God's life, and  
find our future there.

### Sending Forth and Benediction

Go from this place as God's people,  
to be built like living stones into a strong and beautiful  
community.

The love of God the Creator is your foundation,  
the grace of Christ is your cornerstone,  
and the fellowship of the Spirit cements you together.

**We go in peace. Amen, may it be so.**

We sing: *For You, Deep Stillness*

For you, deep stillness of the silent inland;  
for you, deep blue of the desert skies;  
for you, flame red of the rocks and stones;  
for you, sweet water from hidden springs.

From the edges, seek the heartlands,  
and when you're burnt by the journey,  
may the cool winds of the hovering Spirit  
soothe and replenish you.

In the name of Christ,  
In the name of Christ.

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

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## *Congregation Hymns/Songs:*

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