



## **Brougham Place Uniting Church**

June 21, 2026

Preacher: Rev Linda Driver

Pentecost 4. Green

## ***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)*

For Kurna Country on which we gather today,  
**we give thanks.**

For the Elders and communities,  
past, present, and future,  
who walk these lands,

**we pay our respects.**

Come freedom and flourishing  
to land, people, and culture.

## Lighting of the Candles

We sing: *Joyful, Joyful (v1)*

**Joyful, joyful, we adore you,  
God of glory, God of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.**

## Call to Worship

*Please remain standing*

To the God who sees and hears,  
**we bring our truth and our thirst.**  
To the Christ who calls and keeps,  
**we bring our fear and our yes.**  
To the Spirit who opens wells,  
**we come, ready to live the new life.**

## Opening Prayer

God of the wilderness and the well, hear our prayers.

Where we are unseen,

**see us;**

where we are afraid,

**steady us;**

where the path divides,

**lead us in love's way.**

Through Jesus Christ,

**our life.**

**Amen.**

We sing: *Sing a new world into being*

1. **Sing a new world into being.**  
**Sound a bold and hopeful theme.**  
**Find a tune for silent yearnings.**  
**Lend your voice and dare to dream:**  
**Dream a church where all who worship**  
**Find their lives and loves belong.**  
**Sing a new world into being.**  
**Sing as Christ inspires your song!**
2. **Sing a new world into being.**  
**Where each gender, class, and race.**  
**Brings its rainbow gifts and colors**  
**To God's limitless embrace;**  
**Where the lines that once divided**  
**Form instead the ties that bind.**  
**Sing a new world into being:**  
**Risk transforming heart and mind!**
3. **Sing a new world into being**  
**Where the homeless find a home,**  
**Where no children ever hunger**  
**But are filled with God's shalom;**  
**Where all people work for justice,**  
**Where all hate and vengeance cease.**  
**Sing a new world into being:**  
**Raise the harmonies of peace.**
4. **Sing a new world into being.**  
**Join the ancient prophets' cry**  
**For a time of health and plenty**  
**When all tears have been wiped dry;**  
**When compassion flows like waters,**  
**Pouring balm for all who grieve.**  
**Sing a new world into being.**  
**Live the promise you believe!**

Prayer: *"Limitless Love"*

Our God, our Maker,  
The work of your hands displays your goodness and glory;  
It is marvellous to behold.  
From the path a rain drop makes  
as it works its way down a window  
to the rainbow in the mists of a waterfall after rains,  
With each inbreaking of the sun's rays  
that paint the sky until day's end,  
**Your limitless love creates it all.**

As we gaze, then, upon your children,  
the special co-creators you have made  
to experience you and your beauty,  
may we always appreciate the dignity of each person:  
Straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender.  
May we witness your extravagant artistry of each beloved,  
celebrate your Divine imprint upon each heart,  
and recognize how You fashion each human being  
with purpose and wonder.  
**Your limitless love creates us all.**

Forgive us, Lord,  
For the constraint of our eyes that fails to take in  
another's beauty,  
For choosing the comfort of our own apathy  
instead of bearing one another's burdens,  
For not remaining silent to listen  
and silent when we should have cried out,  
**Your limitless love forgives us all.**

We pray, O God,  
For the wounds the world inflicts,  
In thought, word, and deed,  
Against what your hands have made  
and ultimately, against you.  
Soothe and comfort, renew and redeem.  
**Your limitless love restores us all.**

We pray for unity,  
For tenderness,  
For belonging and justice and freedom,  
For solidarity and bountiful compassion  
That the world may know who you are  
By the way we love one another  
And how willing we are to enter the splendor  
of co-creating.

**Your limitless love heals us all.**

We give thanks,  
For in Christ, we are seen, forgiven,  
and set free to walk as beloved.

**Thanks be to God.**

**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 young children in Sunday School if you feel they 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: *Psalm 23*

1. **The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want  
He makes me lie in pastures green  
He leads me by the still still waters  
His goodness restores my soul**

*Chorus*

***And I will trust in You alone  
And I will trust in You alone  
For Your endless mercy follows me  
Your goodness will lead me home***

2. **He guides my ways in righteousness  
And He anoints my head with oil  
And my cup it overflows with joy  
I feast on His pure delights**

*Chorus*

***And I will trust in You alone  
And I will trust in You alone  
For Your endless mercy follows  
me  
Your goodness will lead me  
home***

*Descant*

***I will trust I will trust in You  
I will trust I will trust in You  
Endless mercy follows me  
Goodness will lead me  
home***

3. **And though I walk the darkest path  
I will not fear the evil one  
For You are with me  
And Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know**

*Chorus*

***And I will trust in You alone  
And I will trust in You alone  
For Your endless mercy follows  
me  
Your goodness will lead me  
home***

*Descant*

***I will trust I will trust in You  
I will trust I will trust in You  
Endless mercy follows me  
Goodness will lead me  
home***

***For Your endless mercy follows me  
Your goodness will lead me home (x2)***

Scripture Readings

GENESIS 21:8–21

The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

MATTHEW 10:29-31

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

May the Spirit of God open our eyes to see, our ears to hear,  
**and our hearts to understand.**

Message

Response: "Sparrow worth"

*In Matthew's gospel, Jesus reminds the disciples that not even a sparrow falls without God noticing. Every life is seen and held in God's care. God sees and values every person.*

*Write your name (or someone else's) on a bird. At the end of the service, place near the font.*

We sing: *Lord Jesus, we belong to you*

- 1. Lord Jesus, we belong to you,  
you live in us, we live in you;  
we live and work for you –  
*because we bear your name.***
- 2. Help us receive each other, Lord,  
for you receive the least of us  
and come to us in them –  
*because we bear your name.***
- 3. Bless those who give us any gift  
because they know that we are yours;  
reward them with your grace –  
*because we bear your name.***
- 4. Let us acknowledge those as friends  
who use your name to right a wrong,  
but have not joined us yet –  
*because we bear your name.***
- 5. Keep us from missing out on life;  
give hands that help; and single sight,  
and feet that walk your way –  
*because we bear your name.***
- 6. You are the salt that cleanses us,  
so clean us out, and make us fit  
for common life with you –  
*because we bear your name.***

## Prayers of the People

*The Prayers of the People include prayers for The Uniting Church, Pride Month and Refugee Week.*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

As the end of the financial year approaches, please also consider a donation to our Building Fund:

<https://www.bpuc.org/end-of-financial-year-appeal/>

## Offering Prayer

We sing: *Be Thou My Vision*

- 1. Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart.  
Not be all else to me save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping my treasure Thou art.**
- 2. Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord  
Thou my redeemer my love Thou hast won  
Thou in my dwelling and I with Thee one.**
- 3. Riches I heed not nor vain empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance now and always  
Thou and Thou only first in my heart  
Great God of heaven my treasure Thou art**
- 4. Great God of heaven my victory won  
Now I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's sun  
Heart of my own heart whatever be fall  
Still be my vision O ruler of all.**

## Benediction

go.

go from this place where we declare:

**"all are loved."**

**"all are made in the image of God."**

into world that does not agree.

go.

go to be Christ's body

which means:

go to be safety.

go to be affirmation.

go to embody the welcome

that Christ has extended to you

your whole life long.

gird yourself with the truth

of your belovedness.

armor yourself with the knowledge

of a God whose love is beyond all of our imaginings.

walk surrounded by the peace

that can match hatred and death.

**We will go,**

**to be ambassadors**

**of the God who is Love.**

## Blessing

May the God of Creation  
warm your hearts,  
like the campfires of old  
bring wisdom and peace,  
as shown to the first peoples of this land  
shake off the dust from the desert plains  
by the refreshing rains,  
followed by the glow and warmth of the sun.

**Let the light of God show us the right path  
so that we may stand tall like the big River gums  
drawing life from the ever-flowing waters.**

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

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*"Limitless Love – A Prayer for Pride Month" (adapted)*

*Catholic Health Association of the United States*

<https://www.chausa.org/prayers/prayer-library/prayer/limitless-love---a-prayer-for-pride-month>

*"Prayers for Your People" and "Benediction"*

*by Slats Toole*

*from LGBTQIA+ Inclusive Prayers*

*The Covenant Network of Presbyterians*

<https://www.covnetpres.org/resource-library/lgbtqia-inclusive-prayers-for-pride-month>

*"The Weaving of Your Grace" (adapted)*

*by Rev Sandy Boyce for Uniting in Prayer*

*"A Prayer for Refugee Week 2026"*

*by Charles Louwrens, with thanks to Common Grace:*

[https://www.commongrace.org.au/refugee\\_week\\_2026\\_prayer](https://www.commongrace.org.au/refugee_week_2026_prayer)

*Blessing*

*Uncle Vince Ross*

*from Common Grace*

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*Rosella in Brougham Place Uniting Church carpark*

## *Congregation Hymns/Songs:*

*Joyful, Joyful, we adore you*

Together in Song 152

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tune: Ode to Joy by Ludwig van Beethoven

*Sing a New World into Being*

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*Psalm 23*

Stuart Townend

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*Because We Bear Your Name*

Together in Song 686

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*Be Thou My Vision*

Melody: Together in Song 547

Gaelic c.8th cent.

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