



Brougham Place Uniting Church

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Preacher: Rev Linda Driver

Pentecost 13. Green

Kardlayirdi Karnungga A Light on the Hill

Welcome to Brougham Place Uniting Church.

We acknowledge the Kaurna 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)*

As we reach our hands towards the ground,

(reach down)

and towards the sky that covers the land,

(reach up)

we also reach out in a posture of caring embrace

(open arms wide)

that acknowledges that we meet
on the lands of the Kurna people.

With care, we honour the way the Kurna people
have embodied both a unique givenness to this Land
and faithfulness to Creator.

May we walk gently and faithfully upon these lands.

Introit and Lighting of the Candles

Lift Up Your Hearts (TiS 732. L. Stasson – Benjamin)

Call to Worship

Come to this time of worship.

We come from our everyday lives.

Come to this house of worship.

We come from our everyday places.

Come to this space to worship.

We come, here and now, to meet with the living God.

Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving

We sing: *Jesus is the Rock*

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

Prayer of Confession

Loving God,
you understand how our lives are constantly refocusing.
Our time and energy become caught up in weekly routines,
in the responsibilities we carry,
in the concerns that sap our strength,
in the pleasures of life when hours speed by
and in the hard spaces when days drag.
Sometimes we forget your guidance in our choices
and overlook your mercy in our responses to others.
Sometimes our hearts are confused as to where our
loyalties lie
and our minds are overwhelmed
by the constant changes around us.
Sometimes our bodies don't align with our good intentions
so that pain or a sense of failure drags us down.
**Reset our lives on the rock of your love
as we come to you today.**

Words of Assurance

The living God hears your prayer.
God frees you to stand tall on the rock of divine love,
opens you to new possibilities
and unlocks the door to abundant life.
Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

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

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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.

Choral Anthem

All the sleepy should have a place to sleep (TIS697)

Scripture Readings

ROMANS 12:1–8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

MATTHEW 16:13–20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Teach us wisdom, O God;
let your word bring us light.

Message

We sing: *We Are Your People*

1. **We are your people;
Spirit of grace,
you dare to make us
to all our neighbours,
Christ's living voice, hands and face.**
2. **Joined in community,
treasured and fed,
may we discover
gifts in each other,
willing to lead and be led.**
3. **Rich in diversity,
help us to live
closer than neighbours,
open to strangers,
able to clash and forgive.**
4. **Glad of tradition,
help us to see
in all life's changing
where you are leading,
where our best efforts should be.**
5. **Give, as we venture
justice and care
(peaceful, resisting,
waiting or risking)
wisdom to know when and where.**
6. **Christ, as we serve you
in different ways,
may all we're doing
show that you're living,
meeting your love with our praise.**

Prayers of the People

Living God, ...

A time of silence

In a world of many voices, let our lives declare,

'You are the Christ.'

Amen.

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

Offering Prayer

We sing: *In a Church That's Moving Forward*

1. **In a church that's moving forward,
this is where we long to be.
in a church with gifts abounding
and the grace to set them free.
in a church of many cultures,
in a church both old and young,
in a church of many accents
when the song of Christ is sung.**
2. **With a Lord who leads the mission
for a people on the way,
with a Lord who's healing blindness,
lets the voiceless have their say.
with a Lord of every nation,
with a Lord of every place,
with a Lord who shines compassion
on to every tribe and race.**
3. **On a road that leads to wholeness
When we're broken or unsure,
On a road to understanding
Where division finds a cure;
On a road where all may travel,
On a road where many roam,
On a road we walk together,
As we make our journey home.**

Sending Forth and Benediction

Choral Blessing

Depart With the Peace of God (Tscharke)

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*

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