



Brougham Place Uniting Church

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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)*

We worship here on the land of the Kurna people.
We honour their stewardship of this land from time
immemorial
and acknowledge these ancestral ties to land, waters, and
community.
We pay our respects to Elders and community—
past, present, and emerging—
and extend this respect to First Nations people
from other places who might be with us today.
We hold that God is always drawing us into togetherness.
**We commit to the renewal of our shared life
as First and Second Peoples from many lands.**

Introit and Lighting of the Candles

In the Bulb there is a Flower (N. Sleath)

Call to Worship

We come from a world of settling scores,
where debts are tracked and walls are built.

Let us leave behind those old ways
that do not bring life.

Let us step into the possibility of another way—
where mercy flows, and the captive is set free.

Let us worship God,
who makes a way where there seems to be no way.

Opening Prayer

We sing: *And Can It Be* (TIS 209)

1. **And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain
for me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me!**
2. **He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free:
for, O my God, it found out me.**
3. **Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night:
thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke; the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.**
4. **No condemnation now I dread:
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.**

Prayer of Confession

God, we admit that we like to keep track.
We remember who hurt us, who owes us,
and who isn't working hard enough.
We receive your forgiveness for ourselves,
but do not always extend that same grace to others.
Forgive us.

When we hold on to what should be released,
closing ourselves off from one another,
loosen our grip on our grudges.

A moment of silence.

Words of Grace

We are not defined by what we owe,
nor by what is owed to us.
Jesus meets us with mercy beyond measure.
The debt is released. The way is opened. We are held in
love.

In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven.
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

Praise to God, Immortal Praise (Anna Barbauld)

Scripture Reading:

ROMANS 14:1-12

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters. One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written:

"'As surely as I live,' says the Lord,
'every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will acknowledge God.'"

So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

MATTHEW 18:21-35

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold[b] was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

"At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

"His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

"But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

"Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

Message

We sing: *His Mercy is More*

**What love could remember, no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea, without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more**

**What patience would wait, as we constantly roam
What Father so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more**

***Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more***

**What riches of kindness, He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt, we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more**

***Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more***

Prayers of the People

Loving God,
your mercy is like a waterfall that never stops.

We pray today for those who feel trapped
in patterns they cannot break,
in burdens they carry,
or in places where they cannot see a way forward—
Loving God,
Let your mercy flow.

We pray for a world shaped by fear and division,
where people are caught in cycles of harm and retaliation.
Raise up leaders who seek peace,
who work for restoration rather than revenge.
Loving God,
Let your mercy flow.

We pray for our families and communities:
give us courage to take a step toward one another,
to say, I'm sorry and I forgive you.

We pray for those who are lonely:
may they know you as a friend who never leaves,
and may we be a people of welcome and care.

Let your reign of kindness come,
right here in our lives and in our communities.
Loving God,
Let your mercy flow.
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: *Amazing Grace (TIS 129)*

- 1. Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.**
- 2. As grace first taught my heart to fear
so grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**
- 3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
God's grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**
- 4. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

Sending Forth and Benediction

Choral Blessing

Peace Be With You (David Busch)

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*

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Congregation Hymns/Songs:

And Can it Be

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Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)

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