



Brougham Place Uniting Church

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Preacher: Rev Linda Driver

Liturgical week Pentecost 18 and colour: 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)*

Introit and Lighting of the Candles

Care For the World (A. Condon)

Call to Worship

God moves among us,
looking, seeking—
not for the gilded word or the polished saint
but rather for the quiet rhythm of a willing heart.
Come all you wanderers,
come all you open to the adventure of love—
God is inviting us to the call; God is calling us now.
Let us turn toward love.
Let us worship our God.

We sing: *Come One, Come All*

**Let all the earth come join the song
and join the dance for all belong
creation beats with willing hearts
so come on saints, let's play our part**

***Come one, come all
to life that's whole
come one, come all
to love that's full***

**The hills and rivers sound their praise
and we join in for our God reigns
come to the table eat your fill
come rest by living waters still**

***Come one, come all
to life that's whole
come one, come all
to love that's full***

**So take your place and know you're loved
and spread the word, for there's enough
to know our God and truly live
creation was made for this**

***Come one, come all
to life that's whole
Come one, come all
to love that's full (x2)***

**So take your place and know you're loved
and spread the word for there's enough
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Opening Prayer

Come Holy Spirit, come.
Meet us in our questions,
our resistance,
and our longing to be made new.

Give us the courage to be open,
receptive,
willing to change and grow.
Shape our words and actions
in the way of Christ's love.
Come Holy Spirit, come. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,
we confess that our words and actions do not always
belong together...

Words of Grace

God's mercy meets us before we have found the right
words.
God's grace is present in our questions,
our turning,
and our first small steps toward love.
In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and called again.
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

A Covenant Prayer (Wesley/Pote)

Scripture Reading:

EXODUS 17: 1-7

The whole Israelite community broke camp and set out from the Sin desert to continue their journey, as the Lord commanded. They set up their camp at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people argued with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses said to them, "Why are you arguing with me? Why are you testing the Lord?"

But the people were very thirsty for water there, and they complained to Moses, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?"

So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What should I do with this people? They are getting ready to stone me."

The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of Israel's elders with you. Take in your hand the shepherd's rod that you used to strike the Nile River, and go. I'll be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Hit the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will be able to drink." Moses did so while Israel's elders watched. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites argued with and tested the Lord, asking, "Is the Lord really with us or not?"

MATTHEW 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and elders of the people came to him as he was teaching. They asked, "What kind of authority do you have for doing these things? Who gave you this authority?"

Jesus replied, "I have a question for you. If you tell me the answer, I'll tell you what kind of authority I have to do these things. Where did John get his authority to baptize? Did he get it from heaven or from humans?"

They argued among themselves, "If we say 'from heaven,' he'll say to us, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' But we can't say 'from humans' because we're afraid of the crowd, since everyone thinks John was a prophet." Then they replied, "We don't know."

Jesus also said to them, "Neither will I tell you what kind of authority I have to do these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons. Now he came to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.'

"'No, I don't want to,' he replied. But later he changed his mind and went.

"The father said the same thing to the other son, who replied, 'Yes, sir.' But he didn't go.

"Which one of these two did his father's will?"

They said, "The first one."

Jesus said to them, "I assure you that tax collectors and prostitutes are entering God's kingdom ahead of you. For John came to you on the righteous road, and you didn't believe him. But tax collectors and prostitutes believed him. Yet even after you saw this, you didn't change your hearts and lives and you didn't believe him.

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

Message

We sing: *The Summons*

1. **Will you come and follow Me
If I but call your name
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same
Will you let My love be shown
Will you let My name be known
Will you let My life be grown
In you and you in Me**
2. **Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare
Will you let Me answer prayer
In you and you in Me**
3. **Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same
Will you kiss the leper clean
And do such as this unseen
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in Me**
4. **Will you love the you you hide
If I but call your name
Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around
Through My sight and touch and sound
In you and you in Me**

**5. Lord Your summons echoes true
When You but call my name
Let me turn and follow You
And never be the same
In Your company I'll go
Where Your love and footsteps show
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In You and You in me**

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

Offering Prayer

We sing: *We Sing a Love that Sets all People Free*

1. **We sing a love that sets all people free,
that blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame,
enfolds like earth, springs up like water clear:
come, living love, live in our hearts today.**
2. **We sing a love that seeks another's good,
that longs to serve, and not to count the cost,
a love that, yielding, finds itself made new:
come, caring love, live in our hearts today.**
3. **We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid
to be itself, despite another's wrath,
a love that stands alone and undismayed:
come, strengthening love, live in our hearts today.**
4. **We sing a love, that, wandering, will not rest
until it finds its way, its home, its source,
through joy and sadness pressing on refreshed:
come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.**

Sending Forth and Benediction

Choral Blessing

Let Our Earth be Peaceful

Postlude/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,
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and next to the Offering Bowl. Alternately, you can
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