

Lugar Brae Ministry Teams and Programs

Minister: Rev. Kwang Min (Kevin) Kim (0414 746 735)

Children and Families Worker: Ryan Buesnel (0406 409 846)

Pianists: Keira Tu, In-Ae Lee

Prayer Group: Bob Vickery (9369 2705)

meets every Sunday at 9:15am in the fellowship area

Music Team: Rehearses at 6:30pm on Thursdays

Bible Study: David Robinson (0410 568 849)

Meets Monday at 6:30pm in the fellowship area

Tuesday Bible Study: Kevin- meets every second Tuesday at 5:30pm in the fellowship area

Bronte Playgroup: Ryan / Kevin

Meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 10-11:30am in the Church hall

Lugar Brae Community Choir: Rehearses at 4:30pm each Wednesday in the Church

Saturday Fellowship Group: Margery Whitehead (9663 1827)
Meets on the first Saturday of the month at 2pm in the fellowship area



Upcoming Events & Announcements

-All are welcome to join us for our special Christmas in July' Lunch with us from 12pm today.

-Family Fun Church is on next Sunday 30th July at 9:30am.

-Kevin will be away for three weeks from Monday, 24th. Rev. Tony Balleine will take the services on Sundays, July 30 & Aug 6 and Ryan will do the service on Aug 13.

-Stay connected with us: facebook.com/lugarbraeuca

Lugar Brae Uniting Church



Sunday 23rd July, 2017

Our vision is to effectively engage with the community to proclaim God's love through word and action



www.lugarbrae.unitingchurch.org.au



A very warm welcome to all our visitors! We would love for you to join us for refreshments after the service if you are able

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Service Schedule

This week

(July 23rd): 9:30am

'Christmas in July' Service

Worship Service:

Rev. Kevin Kim

Sunday School:

Ryan Buesnel

Bible Readers:

Brian F. / Cammi W.

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 9: 2-3,6; Matthew 2:1-

12; Genesis 28:10-19a;

Romans 8:12-25

Next Week

(July 30th): 9:30am

Worship Service:

Rev. Anthony Balleine

Family Fun Church:

Ryan Buesnel

Bible Readers;

Margaret W. / Keira T.

Bible Readings:

Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

BE PREPARED: PSALM 139

Prepare for it: Pray for God's help for this passage to change your heart.

Psalm 105 is a psalm of praise that celebrates Israel's redemption from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. The psalm was used in religious festivals celebrations to celebrate God's faithfulness.

Read It: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b(www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+105)

How, does the psalmist say, should we praise God? (vv1-3)

What should God's people do? (vv 4-6) What does it mean to "look to the Lord"? To whom is this instruction given?

What significant thing does v7 reveal about God?

How was God's faithfulness shown to the Israelites? (vv8-11)

Who should people respond to God's power and love? (v45b)

Think About It:

Should Christians today celebrate God's covenant-keeping?

What great act of God's power can we remember and celebrate?

Get the Message

The psalm opens with an exhortation to the people to both praise God directly and to the people around us. As we consider God we should praise Him, sing to Him and glory in His holy name. When we meet with others we should make known what He has done and tell of His wonderful acts. As well as praising God in this way, His people should "look to the Lord", that is rely on God and make Him the one they depend on in all circumstances.

God's people should always seek His face. Just as earthly rulers turn away from those who displease them and towards those the favour, this expression suggests we should live in ways that will gain God's approval. God's people should never forget God's past mighty acts of salvation; they reveal His character and remind us of how God can be trusted to act in the future. While the psalmist clearly intends these words for the people of

Israel who could look back to God's rescue from Egypt, it may also be applied to Christians as they can also claim to be God's chosen ones. While many other ancient religions believed their gods only ruled in specific places or over specific people, Israel always understood that Yahweh ruled the whole world. V7 reminds us that God's judgements "are in all the earth. And these judgements will stand; God remembers the promises He makes with people: the covenant with Abraham (Ge 12:7), Isaac (Gen. 26:3-5) and Jacob (Gen. 28:14-15) will not fail because God is both powerful and righteous.

For the Israelites God's promise found fulfilment in the land of Canaan, Which God gave them "as the portion you will inherit". As people recognise and celebrate God's power and love they can do only one thing: praise the Lord! As the Israelites celebrated God's covenant undertakings to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Christians can celebrate the new covenant, made with Christ's blood on the cross (Lk 22:20) that redeems us from our sins

(Heb 9:15)