



# St Ives Uniting Church

9 July 2023

Pentecost 6

**Call to worship and welcome**

**Hymn:** 626 Lord of creation

**Prayer of adoration**

**Responsive reading:** Psalm 145:8-14

<sup>8</sup> The Lord is gracious and compassionate,  
**slow to anger and rich in love.**

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is good to all;  
**he has compassion on all he has made.**

<sup>10</sup> All your works praise you, Lord;  
**your faithful people extol you.**

<sup>11</sup> They tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might,

<sup>12</sup> **so that all people may know of your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

<sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
**and your dominion endures through all generations.**

The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises  
**and faithful in all he does.**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all who fall  
**and lifts up all who are bowed down.**

**Amen**

**Prayer of confession**

## **Assurance of forgiveness**

Hear Christ's work of grace to us, "Your sins are forgiven"

## **Thanks be to God**

**Hymn:** 717 Give thanks

## **Notices**

## **Bible readings**

### **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

Pam Tickell

<sup>16</sup> "To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

<sup>17</sup> "We played the pipe for you,  
and you did not dance;  
we sang a dirge,  
and you did not mourn.'

<sup>18</sup> For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' <sup>19</sup> The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds."

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. <sup>26</sup> Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

<sup>27</sup> "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

This is the word of the Lord

## **Thanks be to God**

## **Romans 7:15-25a**

Beth Dulin

<sup>15</sup> I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. <sup>16</sup> And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

<sup>21</sup> So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup> For in my inner being I delight in God's law; <sup>23</sup> but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. <sup>24</sup> What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** A burden or a yoke?

**Hymn:** 609 May the mind of Christ my saviour

**Offering**

**Offering response:** 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

**Prayers of the people**

Jane Ann Tainsh

**Hymn:** 342 When I survey the wondrous cross

**Benediction**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ, Amen**

**Threefold Amen**

**Postlude**

**Organist**

**John Hughes**