



St Ives Uniting Church

7 April 2024

Easter 2

Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 517 Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus

Prayers of adoration and confession

Almighty God, creator of us all, we confess before you and each other all the times we have failed to live as you would have us live.

The times when we have done wrong,
and the times we have not done right.

The times when we should have been silent,
and the times we should have spoken out.

The times when we have taken for ourselves,
and the times we have not given to others.

The times when we have glorified ourselves,
and the times we have put others down.

In the name of Jesus Christ our saviour,
**we ask you to forgive all our sins, and we ask you to cleanse us
and change us, so that we can serve you, and be your
witnesses to the world.**

Amen.

Declaration of forgiveness

Hear Christ's word of grace, "Your sins are forgiven."

Thanks be to God

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Bible readings

John 20:19-23, 30-31

Suzanne Hledik

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

1 John 1:1-2:2

Beth Dulin

^{1:1} That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our joy complete.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our

sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

^{2:1} My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: Walking in the light

Hymn: 609 May the mind of Christ my saviour

Offering and prayer

Offering response: 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayers of the people Lawrence Peak

Hymn: 536 An upper room

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you
And also with you

Holy communion

As we come to the Lord's table, let us pray:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With the faithful of every generation, we praise your holy name:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

And together we pray the prayer he taught his disciples:
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us our daily bread,
and 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**

Hymn: 209 And can it be?

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude

Organist

Jim Abraham