



St Ives Uniting Church

16 June 2024

Pentecost 4

Call to worship

- ¹ It is good to praise the Lord
and make music to your name, O Most High,
² proclaiming your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night,
³ to the music of the ten-stringed lyre
and the melody of the harp.
⁴ For you make me glad by your deeds, Lord;
I sing for joy at what your hands have done.
(Psalm 92:1-4)

Welcome

Hymn: 228 Crown him with many crowns (vv 1,2,4,6)

Prayer of adoration

Prayer of confession

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.
In what we have done, and in what we have not done.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We ask you, in your mercy,
to forgive what we have been,
to help us to amend what we are,
and to direct what we shall be;
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Declaration of forgiveness

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

Thanks be to God

Words of Assurance

¹² The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,

they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;

¹³ planted in the house of the Lord,

they will flourish in the courts of our God.

¹⁴ They will still bear fruit in old age,

they will stay fresh and green,

¹⁵ proclaiming, "The Lord is upright;

he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."

(Psalm 92:12-15)

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Hymn: 745 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Bible readings

1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13

Jill McNamara

³⁴ Then Samuel left for Ramah, but Saul went up to his home in Gibeah of Saul. ³⁵ Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again, though Samuel mourned for him. And the Lord regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel.

¹ The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

² But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." The Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

⁴ Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

⁵ Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed stands here before the Lord.”

⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The Lord has not chosen this one either.” ⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the Lord chosen this one.”

¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The Lord has not chosen these.” ¹¹ So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Mark 4:26-32

Ashley Jacobsson

²⁶ He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰ Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God**Sermon:** A new king.**Hymn:** 279 The King of glory comes**Offering****Offering response:** 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow**Prayers of the people and the Lord’s prayer**

Beth Dulin

Hymn: 231 At the name of Jesus**Benediction****Threefold Amen****Postlude****Organist**

John Hughes