



# St Ives Uniting Church

15 September 2024

**Pentecost 17**

**Call to worship and welcome**

## **The Christ Candle**

Send out your light and your truth  
to be my guide;

**let them lead me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.**

God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

**If we walk in the light, as God is in the light,**

**we have fellowship with one another,**

**and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.**

**Hymn: 627 Praise and thanksgiving**

**Prayers of adoration and confession**

**Responsive reading: Psalm 116**

<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord,

**for he heard my voice;**

**he heard my cry for mercy.**

<sup>2</sup> Because he turned his ear to me,

**I will call on him as long as I live.**

<sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me,

the anguish of the grave came over me;

**I was overcome by distress and sorrow.**

<sup>4</sup> Then I called on the name of the Lord:

**“Lord, save me!”**

<sup>5</sup> The Lord is gracious and righteous;

**our God is full of compassion.**

<sup>6</sup> The Lord protects the unwary;  
**when I was brought low, he saved me.**

<sup>7</sup> Return to your rest, my soul,  
for the Lord has been good to you.

<sup>8</sup> **For you, Lord, have delivered me from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling,**

<sup>9</sup> that I may walk before the Lord  
in the land of the living.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Notices**

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**Bible reading:**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

Emily Jacobsson

<sup>4</sup> The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue,  
to know the word that sustains the weary.

He wakens me morning by morning,  
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

<sup>5</sup> The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears;  
I have not been rebellious,  
I have not turned away.

<sup>6</sup> I offered my back to those who beat me,  
my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from mocking and spitting.

<sup>7</sup> Because the Sovereign Lord helps me,  
I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint,  
and I know I will not be put to shame.

<sup>8</sup> He who vindicates me is near.  
Who then will bring charges against me?  
Let us face each other!

Who is my accuser?  
Let him confront me!

<sup>9</sup> It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me.  
Who will condemn me?

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Hymn:** 690 Beauty for brokenness

**Bible reading:**

**James 3:1-12**

Marian Kingham

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. <sup>2</sup> We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

<sup>3</sup> When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. <sup>4</sup> Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. <sup>5</sup> Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. <sup>6</sup> The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

<sup>7</sup> All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup> but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

<sup>9</sup> With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. <sup>10</sup> Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this

should not be. <sup>11</sup> Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? <sup>12</sup> My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** The words we use...

**Hymn:** 607 Make me a channel of your peace

**Offering and prayer**

**Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer**

Emily Jacobsson

**Hymn:** 147 To God be the glory

**Benediction**

**Aaronic Blessing**

**The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace.  
Amen.**

**Postlude**

**Pianist**

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