



St Ives Uniting Church

16 March 2025

Lent 2

Call to worship and welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: 477 Jesus calls us here to meet him (tune: 152 Ode to Joy)

Prayer of adoration and confession

Psalm – Psalm 27:7-13

⁷ Hear my voice when I call, Lord;

be merciful to me and answer me.

⁸ My heart says of you, “Seek his face!”

Your face, Lord, I will seek.

⁹ Do not hide your face from me,

do not turn your servant away in anger;

you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Saviour.

¹⁰ Though my father and mother forsake me,

the Lord will receive me.

¹¹ Teach me your way, Lord;

lead me in a straight path

because of my oppressors.

¹² Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,

for false witnesses rise up against me,

spouting malicious accusations.

¹³ **I remain confident of this:**

I will see the goodness of the Lord

in the land of the living.

Assurance of forgiveness

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

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: 129 Amazing grace

Notices - Lawrence

Bible readings

Luke 13:31-35

Jill McNamara

³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."

³² He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' ³³ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

³⁴ "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.

³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Ashley Jacobsson

¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus

Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: The fox and the chickens

Hymn: 457 The church's one foundation

Offering

Offering response: 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer Jane Ann Tainsh

Hymn: 28 God is our strength and refuge

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude

Pianist

Deb Marshall

