



St Ives Uniting Church

28th August 2022

Pentecost 12

Call to worship and welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: 93 Praise the Lord, you heavens adore him

Prayer of adoration

Responsive reading: Psalm 112

¹ Praise the Lord.

**Blessed are those who fear the Lord,
who find great delight in his commands.**

² Their children will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³ Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

⁴ Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,
**for those who are gracious and compassionate and
righteous.**

⁵ Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

⁶ Surely the righteous will never be shaken;
they will be remembered forever.

⁷ They will have no fear of bad news;
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

⁸ Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

⁹ They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor,
**their righteousness endures forever;
their horn will be lifted high in honour.**

¹⁰ The wicked will see and be vexed,
they will gnash their teeth and waste away;
the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

Prayer of confession

**We confess to you, merciful God,
our failure to live as brothers and sisters, and as your
children,
that we have not loved you as you have loved us,
that we have doubted your word and failed to obey its
teaching.
and that we have failed to share your love with the world.
And so, we ask you to forgive us and change us,
and strengthen us to live our lives so that we may reflect the
grace that your son has shown to us.
Amen.**

Declaration of forgiveness

Hear Christ's word of grace to us: Your sins are forgiven
Thanks be to God

Hymn: 390 Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord

Notices

Joyful giving

Stephen White

Bible readings

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Max Osborne

¹One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

⁷When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸“When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place.

¹⁰But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests.

¹¹ For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hebrews 13:1-8

Margaret Jeffery

¹Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³ Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴ Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”

⁶ So we say with confidence,
“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?”

⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. ¹⁶ And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: Living as God's people

Hymn: In Christ alone

Offering

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Richie Dulin

Hymn: 547 Be thou my vision

Benediction

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ, Amen

Postlude

Pianist

Rosemary Osborne