



St Ives Uniting Church

Sunday February 13th 2022

Epiphany 6

“The Paths Ahead”

Notices and Welcome

Introduction and Call to Worship

We Light the Christ Candle

Prayer of Invocation

Gathering to Praise God

Hymn 161 Tell out my soul!

Prayer of Confession and Thanksgiving

Declaration of Forgiveness

God is love. Through Christ, your sins are forgiven. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Listening to God's Word.

Responsive Reading Psalm 1

1 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

**2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day
and night.**

3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in
season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

4 Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the
assembly of the righteous.

**6 For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked
leads to destruction. Amen**

Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all:

And also with you.

Let us share a sign of the Peace with those near us.

First Lesson

Genesis Chapter 45 Verses 3 – 11, 15

Jill McNamara

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he
cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" So there was no one with Joseph
when he made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept so loudly that the
Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it.

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.^[a]

⁸ “So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. ⁹ Now hurry back to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don’t delay. ¹⁰ You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.’

¹⁴ Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn 242 I danced in the morning

Second Lesson

Ashley Jacobsson

Luke 6 Verses 17 - 26

¹⁷ He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, ¹⁹ and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said: “Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

²³ “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven.
For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.

²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who
laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors
treated the false prophets.\

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Lord Jesus Christ we give you our praise.

Sermon “The Paths Ahead” Lawrence Peak

Responding to God’s Word.

Hymn 465 Father in heaven

Offering

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People Ross Lorenz

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

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.

Closing Hymn 569 Guide me O thou great Jehovah

Benediction

Blessing 779 May the feet of God walk with you *"Aubrey"*

May the feet of God walk with you
And his hand hold you tight.
May the eye of God rest on you
And his ear hear your cry.
May the smile of God be for you,
And his breath give you life.
May the child of God grow in you
And his love bring you home.

Organ Postlude

Jim Abraham



Or