



# St Ives Uniting Church

20<sup>th</sup> February 2022

## Epiphany 7

**Call to worship and welcome**

**Notices**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Hymn:** 134 Praise my soul, the king of heaven

**Prayers of adoration and confession**

**Assurance of forgiveness**

...Hear Christ's word of grace 'your sins are forgiven'

**Thanks be to God**

**Hymn:** Blessed assurance

**Bible Readings:**

**Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40**

Jill McNamara

- <sup>1</sup> Do not fret because of those who are evil  
or be envious of those who do wrong;
- <sup>2</sup> for like the grass they will soon wither,  
like green plants they will soon die away.
- <sup>3</sup> Trust in the Lord and do good;  
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
- <sup>4</sup> Take delight in the Lord,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the Lord;  
trust in him and he will do this:  
<sup>6</sup> He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,  
your vindication like the noonday sun.  
<sup>7</sup> Be still before the Lord  
and wait patiently for him;  
do not fret when people succeed in their ways,  
when they carry out their wicked schemes.  
<sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;  
do not fret—it leads only to evil.  
<sup>9</sup> For those who are evil will be destroyed,  
but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.  
<sup>10</sup> A little while, and the wicked will be no more;  
though you look for them, they will not be found.  
<sup>11</sup> But the meek will inherit the land  
and enjoy peace and prosperity.  
<sup>39</sup> The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord;  
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.  
<sup>40</sup> The Lord helps them and delivers them;  
he delivers them from the wicked and saves them,  
because they take refuge in him.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Luke 6:27-38**

Ashley Jacobsson

<sup>27</sup> “But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup> If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup> “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that.

<sup>34</sup> And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup> “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon: Love your enemies**

**Hymn: 635 Forgive our sins as we forgive**

**Offering and prayer**

**Gracious God,**

**All good gifts come from you, dear Lord, and from those riches we bring our offering to you. Accept, not just this money, but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them in this place and wherever you might take us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**Prayers of the people**

Jane Ann Tainsh

**Hymn: 569 Guide me, O my great Redeemer**

**Blessing**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ, Amen.**

**Postlude**

**Pianist**

Rosemary Osborne