



St Ives Uniting Church

30th January 2022

Epiphany 4

Call to worship and welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: 158 God has spoken by his prophets

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Prayer of adoration

Prayer of confession

Psalm – Psalm 71:1-6

- ¹In you, Lord, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
- ²In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;
turn your ear to me and save me.
- ³Be my rock of refuge,
to which I can always go;
give the command to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.
- ⁴Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.
- ⁵For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord,
my confidence since my youth.
- ⁶From birth I have relied on you;
you brought me forth from my mother's womb.
I will ever praise you.

Amen

Assurance of forgiveness
Our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn: 717 Give thanks with a grateful heart

Bible readings
Jeremiah 1:4-10

Margaret Jeffery

⁴ The word of the Lord came to me, saying,

⁵ “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I set you apart;
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

⁶ “Alas, Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

⁷ But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.

⁹ Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Luke 4:21-30

Hazel Ruskin

²¹ He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

²³ Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

²⁴ “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵ I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. ²⁷ And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

²⁸ All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: Only?

Hymn: 658 I the Lord of sea and sky

Offering and prayer

Video - Mahboba’s Promise

Prayers of the people and the Lord’s prayer

Richie Dulin

Hymn: 52 Let us sing to the God of salvation

Blessing

Postlude

Pianist

Rosemary Osborne

