



St Ives Uniting Church

17th July 2022

Pentecost 6

Call to worship and welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: 143 Immortal, Invisible

Prayer of adoration

Prayer of confession

**God of grace,
in your goodness you created us to be your people.
We go our own way
and you call us back.
We turn to false gods,
and you are always true.
We hurt our neighbours and ourselves,
and you bind our wounds and make us whole.
Forgive us, encourage us, strengthen us,
as we strive to be worthy of you.**

Amen.

Assurance of forgiveness

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 16

¹ Keep me safe, my God,
for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing."
³ I say of the holy people who are in the land,
"They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."
⁴ Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.
I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods
or take up their names on my lips.
⁵ Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.
⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.
⁷ I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.
⁸ I keep my eyes always on the Lord.
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,
¹⁰ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.
¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Amen

Hymn: Turn your eyes upon Jesus

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Bible Readings:

Luke 10:38-42

Stephen White

³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be

made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”

⁴¹ “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Colossians 1:15-28

Elizabeth White

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

²⁴ Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵ I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— ²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and

generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. ²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸ He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: The image of God

Hymn: 547 Be thou my vision

Offering

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Jo McDonough

Hymn: 216 Rejoice the Lord is King

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude

Organist

Jim Abraham