



# St Ives Uniting Church

24<sup>th</sup> July 2022

## Pentecost 7

Call to worship and welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: 134 Praise my soul, the King of heaven

Prayer of adoration

Psalm of praise: Psalm 138

<sup>1</sup> I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;  
before the “gods” I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup> **I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and will praise your name  
for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,  
for you have so exalted your solemn decree  
that it surpasses your fame.**

<sup>3</sup> When I called, you answered me;  
you greatly emboldened me.

<sup>4</sup> **May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord,  
when they hear what you have decreed.**

<sup>5</sup> May they sing of the ways of the Lord,  
for the glory of the Lord is great.

<sup>6</sup> **Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;  
though lofty, he sees them from afar.**

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve my life.

You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;  
with your right hand you save me.

<sup>8</sup> **The Lord will vindicate me;  
your love, Lord, endures forever—  
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

## **Prayer of confession**

**Almighty God, source of light and life,  
We confess that we have turned against you and our  
neighbours  
We have followed our own ways and failed to follow you  
We realised that we have been separated from you and that  
we cannot rescue ourselves  
So we ask you to forgive us, not because we deserve that  
forgiveness, but because of the grace shown to all through  
Jesus.  
Forgive us, guide us and strengthen us,  
Through the grace of Jesus Christ, your Son and our  
Saviour, and in whose name we pray.  
Amen**

## **Assurance of forgiveness**

We did not choose God, God chose us.  
In that choice, God offers us mercy, grace and love.  
Through Christ, God chooses to grant us forgiveness.  
In Christ, we are restored as God's children.  
Our sins are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:** 160 Father all loving

## **Notices**

### **Bible Readings:**

#### **Luke 11:1-13**

Margaret Jeffery

<sup>1</sup> One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

<sup>2</sup> He said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup> Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.  
And lead us not into temptation.”

<sup>5</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup> a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ <sup>7</sup> And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

<sup>9</sup> “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

<sup>11</sup> “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? <sup>12</sup> Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### **Colossians 2:6-15**

Philip Southwell

<sup>6</sup> So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

<sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

<sup>9</sup> For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, <sup>10</sup> and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, <sup>12</sup> having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with

him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

<sup>13</sup> When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins,

<sup>14</sup> having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** Teach us to pray

**Hymn:** 745 Seek ye first

**Offering**

**We offer these gifts, Lord,  
for the work of your Church  
and the welfare of your people;  
acknowledging with gratitude that we could give nothing  
if you had not first given to us.  
Help us to use all we have  
In accordance with your good will  
and for the glory of your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer**

Ross Lorenz

**Hymn:** 154 Great is thy faithfulness

**Benediction**

**Response:** 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

**Postlude**

**Pianist**

Lawrence Peak