



St Ives Uniting Church

19th June 2022

Pentecost 2

Call to worship and welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: 626 Lord of creation, to you be all praise!

Prayers of adoration and confession

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 43

¹ Vindicate me, my God,
and plead my cause
against an unfaithful nation.

**Rescue me from those who are
deceitful and wicked.**

² You are God my stronghold.
Why have you rejected me?

**Why must I go about mourning,
oppressed by the enemy?**

³ Send me your light and your faithful care,
let them lead me;

**let them bring me to your holy mountain,
to the place where you dwell.**

⁴ Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God, my joy and my delight.

**I will praise you with the lyre,
O God, my God.**

⁵ Why, my soul, are you downcast?
Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God,

**for I will yet praise him,
my Saviour and my God.**

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: 717 Give thanks with a grateful heart

Notices:

Lawrence Peak

Bible Readings:

1 Kings 19:1-16

Pam Tickell

¹Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them."

³Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

⁷ The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.” ⁸ So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he travelled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. ⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night.

And the word of the Lord came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

¹⁰ He replied, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

¹¹ The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

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¹⁵ The Lord said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Galatians 3:23-29

Mike Tickell

²³ Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

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Thanks be to God

Sermon: Strengthened by God

Hymn: 703 As the deer pants for the water

Offering

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

Annette Burne

Father, hear our prayer

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Hymn: 155 How great thou art

Benediction

Response: 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Postlude

Pianist

Rosemary Osborne