



# St Ives Uniting Church

26<sup>th</sup> June 2022

## Pentecost 3

**Call to worship and welcome**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Hymn: 133 O worship the King, all-glorious above**

**Prayer of adoration**

**Responsive Psalm: Psalm 77:11-20**

- <sup>11</sup> I will remember the deeds of the Lord;  
**yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.**
- <sup>12</sup> I will consider all your works  
**and meditate on all your mighty deeds.”**
- <sup>13</sup> Your ways, God, are holy.  
**What god is as great as our God?**
- <sup>14</sup> You are the God who performs miracles;  
**you display your power among the peoples.**
- <sup>15</sup> With your mighty arm you redeemed your people,  
**the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.**
- <sup>16</sup> The waters saw you, God,  
the waters saw you and writhed;  
**the very depths were convulsed.**
- <sup>17</sup> The clouds poured down water,  
the heavens resounded with thunder;  
**your arrows flashed back and forth.**
- <sup>18</sup> Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind,  
your lightning lit up the world;  
**the earth trembled and quaked.**
- <sup>19</sup> Your path led through the sea,  
your way through the mighty waters,  
**though your footprints were not seen.**

<sup>20</sup> You led your people like a flock  
by the hand of Moses and Aaron. Amen

## Prayer of confession

### Assurance of forgiveness

Hear Christ's word of grace to us:

"Your sins are forgiven".

**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: Blessed assurance

## Notices

Lawrence Peak

## Bible Readings:

### 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-18

John Ruskin

<sup>1</sup>When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel."

But Elisha said, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on.

<sup>7</sup>Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?"

"Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied.

<sup>10</sup>"You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not."

<sup>11</sup>As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. <sup>12</sup>Elisha saw this and cried out, "My

father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

<sup>13</sup> Elisha then picked up Elijah’s cloak that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup> He took the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and struck the water with it. “Where now is the Lord, the God of Elijah?” he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.

<sup>15</sup> The company of the prophets from Jericho, who were watching, said, “The spirit of Elijah is resting on Elisha.” And they went to meet him and bowed to the ground before him. <sup>16</sup> “Look,” they said, “we your servants have fifty able men. Let them go and look for your master. Perhaps the Spirit of the Lord has picked him up and set him down on some mountain or in some valley.”

“No,” Elisha replied, “do not send them.”

<sup>17</sup> But they persisted until he was too embarrassed to refuse. So he said, “Send them.” And they sent fifty men, who searched for three days but did not find him. <sup>18</sup> When they returned to Elisha, who was staying in Jericho, he said to them, “Didn’t I tell you not to go?”

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Luke 9:57-62**

Hazel Ruskin

<sup>57</sup> As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

<sup>58</sup> Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

<sup>59</sup> He said to another man, “Follow me.”

But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

<sup>60</sup> Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

<sup>61</sup> Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.”

<sup>62</sup> Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** A double share

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

**Offering**

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

O Lord, hear our prayer  
**O Lord hear my pray'r,**  
**O Lord hear my pray'r:**  
**When I call answer me.**  
O Lord hear my pray'r,  
O Lord hear my pray'r.  
**Come and listen to me.**

**Hymn:** 687 God gives us a future

**Benediction**

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

**Postlude**

**Pianist**

Rosemary Osborne