



# St Ives Uniting Church

15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Easter 5

Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: 210 O for a thousand tongues

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 148

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
**praise him in the heights above.**

<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels;  
**praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon;  
**praise him, all you shining stars.**

<sup>4</sup> Praise him, you highest heavens  
**and you waters above the skies.**

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
**for at his command they were created,**

<sup>6</sup> and he established them for ever and ever—  
**he issued a decree that will never pass away.**

<sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth,  
**you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,**

<sup>8</sup> lightning and hail, snow and clouds,  
**stormy winds that do his bidding,**

<sup>9</sup> you mountains and all hills,  
**fruit trees and all cedars,**

<sup>10</sup> wild animals and all cattle,  
**small creatures and flying birds,**

<sup>11</sup> kings of the earth and all nations,  
**you princes and all rulers on earth,**

<sup>12</sup> young men and women,  
**old men and children.**

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
**for his name alone is exalted;**  
his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

<sup>14</sup> And he has raised up for his people a horn,  
**the praise of all his faithful servants,**  
**of Israel, the people close to his heart.**  
**Praise the Lord.**

### **Prayer of confession**

### **Assurance of forgiveness**

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

### **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:** 409 O breath of life

### **Notices:**

Lawrence Peak

### **Bible Readings:**

**John 13:31-35**

Jill McNamara

<sup>31</sup> When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup> "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

<sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Acts 11:1-18**

Ashley Jacobsson

<sup>1</sup>The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him <sup>3</sup> and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

<sup>4</sup> Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: <sup>5</sup> “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. <sup>6</sup> I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. <sup>7</sup> Then I heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’

<sup>8</sup> “I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

<sup>9</sup> “The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’ <sup>10</sup> This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

<sup>11</sup> “Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. <sup>14</sup> He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’

<sup>15</sup> “As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’

<sup>17</sup> So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?”

<sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** Even them?

**Hymn:** 457 The church's one foundation

**Offering and prayer**

**Gracious God,**

**Out of the fullness of your gifts, O Lord,  
we bring these offerings now.**

**In dedicating this offering to the work of Christ's church  
we also dedicate ourselves  
to live our lives in the service of Christ,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

**Prayers of the people**

Ross Lorenz

**Hymn:** 411 Filled with the Spirit's power

**Benediction**

**Threefold Amen**

**Postlude**

Organist

Jim Abraham