



# St Ives Uniting Church

11<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## Pentecost 14

Call to worship and welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: 59 All people that on earth do dwell

Prayer of adoration

Prayer of confession: Psalm 51

- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.
  - <sup>2</sup> Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.
  - <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.
  - <sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are right in your verdict  
and justified when you judge.
  - <sup>5</sup> Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
  - <sup>6</sup> Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;  
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.
  - <sup>7</sup> Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
  - <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
  - <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquity.
  - <sup>10</sup> Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- Amen.

## **Declaration 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:** 690 Beauty for brokenness

## **Notices**

Lawrence Peak

## **Bible readings**

### **Luke 15:1-10**

Lawrence Peak

<sup>1</sup> Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup> and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' <sup>7</sup> I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

<sup>8</sup> "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' <sup>10</sup> In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **1 Timothy 1:12-17**

Emily Jacobsson

<sup>12</sup> I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. <sup>13</sup> Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. <sup>14</sup> The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

<sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** Grace and gratitude

**Hymn:** 129 Amazing grace

### **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**

Jane Ann Tainsh

**Hymn:** 209 And can it be

**Benediction**

May the God of hope  
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all evermore.  
Amen.**

**Postlude****Organist**

John Hughes