



St Ives Uniting Church

6 August 2023

Pentecost 10

Call to worship and welcome

The Christ Candle

Hymn: 183 Sing of the Lord's goodness

Responsive reading: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

⁸ The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.

⁹ The Lord is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the proper time.

¹⁶ You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

¹⁷ The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and faithful in all he does.

¹⁸ **The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.**

¹⁹ He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.

²⁰ The Lord watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹ **My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.
Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever.**

Amen

Prayer of confession

Assurance of forgiveness

Hear Christ's word of grace, "Your sins are forgiven"

Thanks be to God

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Bible readings

Genesis 32:22-31

Jenny Huckson

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man.

²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

²⁷ The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

²⁹ Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

³¹ The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Romans 9:1-5

John Huckson

I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, ⁴ the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵ Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: Wrestling with God

Hymn: 602 O Love that wilt not let me go

Offering

Prayers of the people

Annette Burne

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you

And also with you

Hymn: 607 Make me a channel of your peace

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

... we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... we proclaim our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever.**

Amen.

Hymn: 531 Sent forth by God's blessing

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude

Organist

Jim Abraham