



# St Ives Uniting Church

26<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## Lent 1

**Call to worship and welcome**

**Hymn:** 152 Joyful, joyful, we adore you

**Prayers of adoration and confession**

**Responsive reading:** Psalm 32:1-5, 10-11

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one  
whose transgressions are forgiven,  
whose sins are covered.

<sup>2</sup> **Blessed is the one  
whose sin the Lord does not count against them  
and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

<sup>3</sup> When I kept silent,  
my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup> **For day and night  
your hand was heavy on me;  
my strength was sapped  
as in the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you  
and did not cover up my iniquity.

**I said, "I will confess  
my transgressions to the Lord."**

**And you forgave  
the guilt of my sin.**

<sup>10</sup> Many are the woes of the wicked,  
but the Lord's unfailing love  
surrounds the one who trusts in him.

<sup>11</sup> **Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous;  
sing, all you who are upright in heart!**

## **Assurance of forgiveness**

Through Christ, our sins are forgiven

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Notices**

Lawrence Peak

## **Lindara presentation**

**Hymn:** 650 Brother, sister, let me serve you

## **Bible readings**

### **Genesis 2:15-17,3:1-7**

Jill McNamara

<sup>15</sup> The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; <sup>17</sup> but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

<sup>3</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

<sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

<sup>4</sup> "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup> "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

<sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Romans 5:12-19**

Ashley Jacobsson

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

<sup>13</sup> To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law.

<sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

<sup>15</sup> But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! <sup>16</sup> Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. <sup>17</sup> For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

<sup>18</sup> Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** A matter of death and life

**Hymn:** 350 There is a green hill far away

**Offering and prayer**

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

**Hymn:** 52 Let us sing to the God of salvation

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Pianist**

**Deb Marshall**

