



St Ives Uniting Church

11 June 2023

Pentecost 2

Call to worship and welcome

The Christ candle

Hymn: 59 All people that on earth do dwell

Prayer of adoration

Responsive reading: Psalm 33

- ¹ Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
- ² Praise the Lord with the harp;
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
- ³ Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully, and shout for joy.
- ⁴ For the word of the Lord is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.
- ⁵ The Lord loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.
- ⁶ By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.
- ⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea into jars;
he puts the deep into storehouses.
- ⁸ Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all the people of the world revere him.
- ⁹ For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.
- ¹⁰ The Lord foils the plans of the nations;
he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.
- ¹¹ But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever,
the purposes of his heart through all generations.

**¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people he chose for his inheritance.
Amen**

Prayer of confession

Assurance of forgiveness

Hymn: 229 Jesus loves me, this I know

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Bible readings:

Genesis 12:1-9

Caroline Turner

¹² The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

² "I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."

⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

⁷ The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

⁸ From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord.

⁹ Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

David Turner

⁹ As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples.

¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

¹⁸ [...] a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹ Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

²⁰ Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. ²¹ She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."

²² Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment.

²³ When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, ²⁴ he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. ²⁵ After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. ²⁶ News of this spread through all that region.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: Two miracles, one message

Hymn: 232 O the deep, deep love of Jesus

Offering and prayer

Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer

Annette Burne

Hymn: 231 At the name of Jesus

Benediction

Postlude

Organist

John Hughes