



# St Ives Uniting Church

28 May 2023

## Pentecost

**Call to worship**

**The Christ Candle**

**Hymn:** 422 Come, Holy Spirit, come!

**Prayers of adoration and confession**

**Assurance of forgiveness**

**Prayer for Christian Unity**

Annette and Shirley

**First reading:**

**John 20:19-23**

Jill McNamara

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Hymn:** 407 Breath on me, breath of God

**Notices**

Lawrence Peak

**Poem** – Send the fire

## Second reading:

### Acts 2:1-21

Ashley Jacobsson

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

<sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongue<sup>1</sup> as the Spirit enabled them.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” <sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

<sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

<sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> “In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** The Spirit comes

**Hymn:** 409 O breath of life, come sweeping through us

**Offering and prayer**

**Loving God,**

**Thank you for sending your Spirit to dwell in us and around us,  
to inspire and strengthen us.**

**Help us to be like the early disciples, praying patiently as we wait  
for your guidance and power. Fill our hearts and minds with your  
gifts of faith, hope, and love. May our conversations with people  
of every language and culture around us witness to your grace  
and mercy.**

**Lord, we dedicate ourselves and these our offerings to your good  
purposes in the world through our church's mission by the  
power of your Holy Spirit.**

**We pray this in Jesus' name.**

**Amen.**

**Prayers of the people**

**The Lord's prayer**

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

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Organist**

Deb Marshall