



# St Ives Uniting Church

1 October 2023

## Pentecost 18

### Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 161 Tell out, my soul

### Prayers of adoration and confession

### Assurance of forgiveness

### Notices

Lawrence Peak

### Bible readings

#### Exodus 17:1-7

Beth Dulin

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> So they quarrelled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?"

<sup>3</sup> But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

<sup>4</sup> Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

<sup>5</sup> The Lord answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup> I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarrelled and because they tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Philippians 2:1-13**

Suzanne Hledik

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon** - Water from the rock

**Hymn:** 222 Rock of ages

**Offering and prayer**

**Hymn: 511** Let us break bread together with the Lord

**The peace**

May the peace of the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Holy Communion**

We pray together:

**Lord,**

**We know that we are not worthy even to gather up the crumbs under your table,**

**But we also know that it is your nature always to have mercy,**

**And so we ask you, as we share in this sacrament,**

**to feed us with the body and blood of Jesus Christ, your Son, so that we may for ever live in him and he in us.**

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...we praise you with your people throughout the world and across the years, joining with choirs of angels and the whole of creation in the eternal hymn, saying:

**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.**

...With this bread and this cup we do as our Saviour commands: we celebrate the redemption he has won for us.

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

...And so, awaiting his coming in glory, we pray as our Saviour taught us:

**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.**

...The gifts of God for the people of God.

**May we who share these gifts be found in Christ, and Christ in us.**

**Hymn: 569 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer**

**Benediction**

**Threefold Amen**

**Postlude**

**Organist**

**Jim Abraham**