



# St Ives Uniting Church

10 September 2023

## Pentecost 15

**Call to worship and welcome**

**Hymn:** 133 O worship the King

**Prayers of adoration and confession**

**Responsive reading:** Psalm 119:33-40

<sup>33</sup> Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees,  
**that I may follow it to the end.**

<sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law  
**and obey it with all my heart.**

<sup>35</sup> Direct me in the path of your commands,  
**for there I find delight.**

<sup>36</sup> Turn my heart toward your statutes  
**and not toward selfish gain.**

<sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes away from worthless things;  
**preserve my life according to your word.**

<sup>38</sup> Fulfill your promise to your servant,  
**so that you may be feared.**

<sup>39</sup> Take away the disgrace I dread,  
**for your laws are good.**

<sup>40</sup> How I long for your precepts!  
**In your righteousness preserve my life.**  
**Amen**

**Assurance of forgiveness**

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

**Thanks be to God**

**Hymn:** 390 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

**Notices**

Lawrence Peak

## **Bible readings**

### **Exodus 20:2–17**

Rob Mayrick

<sup>2</sup> “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

<sup>3</sup> “You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup> “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup> “You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labour and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup> “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup> “You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup> “You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup> “You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.

<sup>17</sup> “You shall not covet your neighbour’s house. You shall not covet your neighbour’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.”

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Romans 13:8-14**

Shirley Luttrell

<sup>8</sup> Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup> Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

<sup>11</sup> And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** Love and the law

**Hymn:** 547 Be thou my vision

**Offering**

**Offering response:** 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

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

Shirley Ashton

**Hymn:** 28 God is our strength and refuge

**Benediction**

## **Blessing**

**Now unto him that is able to keep,  
able to keep you from falling  
and to present you faultless  
before the presence of his glory  
with exceeding joy.**

**To the only wise God our saviour,  
be glory and majesty, dominion and power,  
both now and forever  
Amen.**

**Postlude**

**Pianist**

**Deb Marshall**