



# St Ives Uniting Church

17 September 2023

## Pentecost 16

### Call to worship and welcome

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
**for he has done marvellous things;**  
Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,  
**burst into jubilant song with music;**  
make music to the Lord with the harp,  
**with the harp and the sound of singing,**  
with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—  
**shout for joy before the Lord, the King.**  
- Psalm 98:1,4-6

**Hymn:** 279 The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices (4 verses)

### Prayers of adoration and confession

#### Assurance of forgiveness

Hear Christ's word of grace to us, "Your sins are forgiven."  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:** 217(i) Love divine

### Notices

Lawrence Peak

### Bible readings

#### Genesis 22:1-2, 9-14

Caroline Turner

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"  
"Here I am," he replied.

<sup>2</sup> Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—  
and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on  
a mountain I will show you."

<sup>9</sup> When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

<sup>12</sup> “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

<sup>13</sup> Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.”

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **1 Thessalonians 4:15-18**

David Turner

According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Message:** *Rosh Hashana* – Daniel

**Hymn:** 216 Rejoice the Lord is king

**Offering**

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

**Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer** Emily Jacobsson

**Hymn:** 315 Mine eyes have seen the glory

**Closing prayer**

**Blessing**

**Postlude** Organist Jim Abraham

