



St Ives Uniting Church

3 September 2023

Pentecost 14

Call to worship

The Christ Candle

Hymn: 152 Joyful, joyful we adore you

Prayers of adoration and confession

Responsive reading - Psalm 26:1-8

David prayed:

¹ Vindicate me, Lord,
for I have led a blameless life;

**I have trusted in the Lord
and have not faltered.**

² Test me, Lord, and try me,
examine my heart and my mind;

³ for I have always been mindful of your unfailing love
and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness.

⁴ I do not sit with the deceitful,
nor do I associate with hypocrites.

⁵ I abhor the assembly of evildoers
and refuse to sit with the wicked.

⁶ I wash my hands in innocence,
and go about your altar, Lord,

⁷ **proclaiming aloud your praise
and telling of all your wonderful deeds.**

⁸ **Lord, I love the house where you live,
the place where your glory dwells.**

Assurance of forgiveness

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

Thanks be to God

Bible readings

Matthew 16:21-28

Jill McNamara

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

²⁸ “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Romans 12:9-21

Ashley Jacobsson

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at

peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: Living God's way

Hymn: 699 A new commandment

Offering

Prayers of the people

Ross Lorenz

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you

And also with you

Hymn: 474 Here in this place

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

... we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

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.

... we proclaim our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
...We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray,

**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.**

Hymn: 160 Father all loving

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude

Organist

John Hughes

