



St Ives Uniting Church

11 August 2024

Pentecost 12

Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 215 You servants of God

Prayer of adoration and confession

Responsive reading: Psalm 34:1-8

¹ I will extol the Lord at all times;

his praise will always be on my lips.

² I will glory in the Lord;

let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

³ Glorify the Lord with me;

let us exalt his name together.

⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me;

he delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Those who look to him are radiant;

their faces are never covered with shame.

⁶ This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;

he saved him out of all his troubles.

⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,

and he delivers them.

⁸ Taste and see that the Lord is good;

blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

⁹ Fear the Lord, you his holy people,

for those who fear him lack nothing.

¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,

and his ears are attentive to their cry;

¹⁶ but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil,

to blot out their name from the earth.

¹⁷ The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;
he delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸ The Lord is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

²² The Lord will rescue his servants;
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

Amen

Assurance of forgiveness

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

Thanks be to God

Hymn: 607 Make me a channel of your peace

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Bible readings

John 6:41-51

Rob Mayrick

⁴¹ At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"

⁴³ "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. ⁴⁴ "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.'^[a] Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. ⁴⁶ No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. ⁵⁰ But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread

will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Barbara Coupe

²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. 5 ¹ Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: Walking in the way of love

Hymn: 650 Brother, sister, let me serve you

Offering

**Loving God,
We offer these gifts,
for the work of your Church
and the welfare of your people;
acknowledging with gratitude that we could give nothing
if you had not first given to us.
The money we have not brought today
is also a trust from you.
Help us to use all we have
In accordance with your good will
and for the glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer

Emily Jacobsson

Hymn: 231 At the name of Jesus

Benediction

Sung blessing: Now unto him

Postlude

Pianist

Deb Marshall