



# St Ives Uniting Church

28 July 2024

Pentecost 10

“The Theology of MASH”



Notices and Welcome

Introduction and Call to Worship

We Light the Christ Candle

Prayer of Invocation

**Gathering to Praise God**

Hymn 143      Immortal, invisible, God only wise.      *St Denio*

Prayer of Confession and Thanksgiving

Declaration of Forgiveness

*God is love. Through Christ, your sins are forgiven. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen*

**Listening to God's Word.**

**Responsive Reading**      Psalm 14 A psalm of David

The fool has said in his heart “*There is no God.*”

**They are corrupt, they have done abominable works,  
There is none who does good.**

The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men,  
**To see if there are any who understand, who seek God.**

They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt;  
***There is none who does good, No, not one.***

All the workers of iniquity have no knowledge,  
**Who eat up my people as they eat bread,**  
And do not call on the Lord. There they are in great fear,  
**For God *is* present in the company of the righteous**  
You shame the counsel of the poor, but the Lord *is* his refuge.  
**Oh, that the salvation of Israel *would* come out of Zion!**  
When the Lord brings back the captivity of His people,  
**Let Jacob rejoice *and* Israel be glad.**  
**Amen**

## **We share the peace amongst us**

### **First Lesson**

Ephesians 3 Verses 14 - 21

Pam Tickell

For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family<sup>[a]</sup> in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

*This is the Word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

### **Second Lesson**

John Chapter 10 Verses 11 – 18

Mike Tickell

<sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup> The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup> “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

***Lord Jesus Christ we give you our praise.***

**Hymn 607**                      Make me a channel of your peace      *Channel of peace*

**Musical Interlude**      “How great thou art !                                      Sissel Kyrkjeboe

**Sermon**                      “The theology of MASH”                                      Lawrence Peak

**Hymn 136**                      There’s a wideness in God’s mercy      *Cross of Jesus*

### **Responding to God’s Word.**

#### **Offering**

#### **Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
praise him, all creatures here below,  
praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

#### **Prayers of the People**

Lawrence Peak

#### **The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day 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.

**Closing Hymn 161**      Tell out my soul!      *Woodlands*

**Benediction**      *The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious unto you,  
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you,  
And give you peace. Amen*

**Blessing 778**      Shalom to you now (sung twice)      “*Somos del Senor*”

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends  
May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends,  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom

**Postlude**      Organist      John Hughes

