



# St Ives Uniting Church

7 July 2024

**Pentecost 7**

**Call to worship and welcome**

Hymn: 52 Let us sing to the God of salvation

**Prayers of adoration and confession**

**Assurance of forgiveness**

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

**Thanks be to God**

**Notices**

Lawrence Peak

**Bible readings**

**Ezekiel 2:1-5**

Shirley Ashton

He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." <sup>2</sup> As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

<sup>3</sup> He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup> The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says.' <sup>5</sup> And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them.

*For the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

**Mark 6:1-13**

Emily Jacobsson

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples.

<sup>2</sup> When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

"Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is

performing? <sup>3</sup> Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

<sup>4</sup> Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honour except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." <sup>5</sup> He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. <sup>6</sup> He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. <sup>7</sup> Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

<sup>8</sup> These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. <sup>9</sup> Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. <sup>10</sup> Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. <sup>11</sup> And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them."

<sup>12</sup> They went out and preached that people should repent. <sup>13</sup> They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

*For the gospel of the Lord*  
***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.***

**Sermon:** Turning points

**Hymn:** 613 Lord of all hopefulness

**Offering and prayer**

**Prayers of the people**

Ross Lorenz

**The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

**Hymn:** 538 Feed us now, Bread of life

## Holy Communion

We pray together:

**Lord,**

**We know that we are not worthy even to gather up the crumbs under your table,**

**But we also know that it is your nature always to have mercy, And so we ask you, as we share in this sacrament, to feed us with the body and blood of Jesus Christ, your Son, so that we may for ever live in him and he in us.**

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

And so we praise you with your people throughout the world and across the years, joining with choirs of angels and the whole of creation in the eternal hymn, singing (761):

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of pow'r and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

With this bread and this cup we do as our Saviour commands: we celebrate the redemption he has won for us.

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

And awaiting his coming in glory, we pray as our Saviour taught us:

**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.**

...The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**May we who share these gifts be found in Christ, and Christ in us.**

God has us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a symbolic foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all people, and so we pray:

**We thank you, Lord, that when we were still far off, you met us in your Son. He lived and died and rose again, declared your love and opened the way to everlasting life.**

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we who the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

**Keep us in the hope we have in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray.**

**Amen.**

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

**Benediction**

**Threefold Amen**

**Postlude**

**Organist**

**Jim Abraham**