



# St Ives Uniting Church

23 June 2024

## Pentecost 5

Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 161 Tell out, my soul

Prayer of adoration

Prayer of confession

Assurance of forgiveness

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

**Thanks be to God**

Responsive reading: Psalm 107

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his love endures forever.**

<sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—  
**those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup> those he gathered from the lands,  
**from east and west, from north and south.**

<sup>23</sup> Some went out on the sea in ships;  
they were merchants on the mighty waters.

<sup>24</sup> **They saw the works of the Lord,  
his wonderful deeds in the deep.**

<sup>25</sup> For he spoke and stirred up a tempest  
that lifted high the waves.

<sup>26</sup> **They mounted up to the heavens and went down to the  
depths;  
in their peril their courage melted away.**

<sup>27</sup> They reeled and staggered like drunkards;  
they were at their wits' end.

<sup>28</sup> **Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he brought them out of their distress.**

<sup>29</sup> He stilled the storm to a whisper;  
**the waves of the sea were hushed.**

- <sup>30</sup> They were glad when it grew calm,  
**and he guided them to their desired haven.**
- <sup>31</sup> Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love  
**and his wonderful deeds for mankind.**
- <sup>32</sup> Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people  
**and praise him in the council of the elders.**

## Notices

Lawrence Peak

**Hymn:** 430 Your words to me are life and health

## Bible readings

**1 Samuel 17:3-11, 32-37, 42-45, 48-51**

Rob Mayrick

<sup>3</sup> The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them.

<sup>4</sup> A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span. <sup>5</sup> He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armour of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; <sup>6</sup> on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. <sup>7</sup> His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.

<sup>8</sup> Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. <sup>9</sup> If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." <sup>10</sup> Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." <sup>11</sup> On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

<sup>32</sup> David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

<sup>33</sup> Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

<sup>34</sup> But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock,  
<sup>35</sup> I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. <sup>36</sup> Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.  
<sup>37</sup> The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you.”

<sup>42</sup> [Goliath] looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him. <sup>43</sup> He said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup> “Come here,” he said, “and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!”

<sup>45</sup> David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

<sup>48</sup> As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. <sup>49</sup> Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

<sup>50</sup> So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.

<sup>51</sup> David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine’s sword and drew it from the sheath. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword.

When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran.

For the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Mark 4:35-41**

Margaret Jeffery

<sup>35</sup> That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” <sup>36</sup> Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. <sup>37</sup> A furious

squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. <sup>38</sup> Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”

<sup>39</sup> He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

<sup>40</sup> He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

<sup>41</sup> They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

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**Sermon:** True courage

**Hymn:** 123 Be still my soul

**Offering and prayer**

**Offering response:** 774 For the lift that you have given (tune: 772 Austria)

**Prayers of the people and the Lord’s Prayer**

Annette Burne

**Hymn:** 687 God gives us a future (4 verses)

**Benediction**

**Threefold Amen**

**Postlude**

**Organist**

Jim Abraham