



St Ives Uniting Church

6th November 2022

Pentecost 22

Call to worship and welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: 183 Sing of the Lord's goodness

Prayer of adoration

Prayer of confession

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed:
we have not loved you with our whole heart,
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of forgiveness

Hear Christ's word of grace to us: "Your sins are forgiven"
Thanks be to God

Bible Readings

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

John Huckson

In the second year of King Darius, 2¹ on the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: 2 "Speak to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, to Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people. Ask them, 3 'Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing? 4 But now be strong, Zerubbabel,' declares the Lord. 'Be

strong, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,' declares the Lord, 'and work. For I am with you,' declares the Lord Almighty. ⁵ 'This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.'

⁶ "This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. ⁷ I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the Lord Almighty. ⁸ 'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the Lord Almighty. ⁹ 'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the Lord Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the Lord Almighty."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Jenny Huckson

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, ² not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. ³ Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness^[a] is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. ⁴ He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

⁵ Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things?

¹³ But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

¹⁶ May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope,

¹⁷ encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: Greater glory?

Hymn: 457 The church's one foundation

Notices

Offering and prayer

Prayers of the people

Emily Jacobsson

Hymn: 511 – Let us break bread together with the Lord

Holy Communion

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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.

...we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

...Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died;

**Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

...we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of never-ending praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

We who are many are one body in Christ,
for we all share in the one bread.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to say,
**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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

And now we pray:
**Father, we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Hymn: 547 Be thou my vision

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Organist

John Hughes