



**St Ives Uniting Church**

**Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Pentecost 17**

*“The Other Nine”*

**Notices and Welcome**

**Introduction and Call to Worship**

**We Light the Christ Candle**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Gathering to Praise God**

**Hymn 145** The King of love my shepherd is

*Dominus Regit Me*

**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** "Never Alone" (A paraphrase of psalm 119 )  
by Bruce Prewer in "Australian Psalms"

Lord you see right through me and know me utterly

**You understand what I am thinking long before I understand myself.**

You are with me on the crowded street, beside me when I go alone to bed.

**Everything I do, you recognize; my tongue never wags without you hearing,**

I find you in my yesterdays and tomorrows, your love firmly around me.

**All this is too much for me, it is beyond my understanding.**

Where could I evade you? Where could I escape your presence?

**If I live high with the jet-set, you are there;**

If I make my bed on a park bench. you are there;

**If I could take off at the speed of light, and travel the freeways of outer space,**

Even there your hand would hold me.

**If I fear something awful will happen, like being swallowed by darkness,**

My darkness will begin to shine like the day,

**For with you your darkness becomes light.**

How precious are your plans for me, Lord; they add up to a fantastic number,

**If I tried to count them they would outnumber the sand.**

Whenever I wake up to what's happening, I find I'm still with you!

**Lord, take a hard look at me, untangle my untidy motives;**

Sort me out with your relentless mercy, weigh up all my ideas,

**Tear away whatever is unloving in me, and lead me into your never-ending future.**

**Amen.**

**First Lesson**

Pam Tickell

2 Timothy Chapter 1 Verses 1 - 14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my dear son:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup> I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us

*This is the Word of the Lord*

*Thanks be to God*

**Hymn 129**    Amazing Grace

*Amazing Grace*

**Second Lesson**    Luke Chapter 17 Verses 11 - 17    Mike Tickell

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you whole"

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

*Lord Jesus Christ we give you our praise.*

**Sermon** "The Other Nine" Lawrence Peak

**Musical Interlude** "Where are the other nine? "

*Geoff Moore*

**Responding to God's Word.**

**Hymn 585** I heard the voice of Jesus say

*Kingsfold*

**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**

Jo McDonough

### **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 90** I'll praise my Maker while I've breath

*Monmouth*

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

**Blessing 779** May the feet of God walk with you "Aubrey"

May the feet of God walk with you  
And his hand hold you tight.  
May the eye of God rest on you  
And his ear hear your cry.  
May the smile of God be for you,  
And his breath give you life.  
May the child of God grow in you  
And his love bring you home.

**Organ Postlude**

