



St Ives Uniting Church

9th October 2022

Pentecost 18

Call to worship and welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: 158 God has spoken by his prophets

Prayer of adoration and confession

Assurance of forgiveness

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Bible Readings:

Jeremiah 29:1,4-7

Hazel Ruskin

¹ This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

⁴ This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. ⁷ Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

2 Timothy 2:8-15

John Ruskin

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained.

¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

¹¹ Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him,
we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure,
we will also reign with him.

If we disown him,
he will also disown us;

¹³ if we are faithless,
he remains faithful,
for he cannot disown himself.

¹⁴ Keep reminding God's people of these things. Warn them before God against quarrelling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: Here and now

Hymn: 154 Great is your faithfulness

Offering

Prayers of intercession

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Hymn: 474 Here in this place

Communion

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

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, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one 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.

...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.

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

Blessing

Postlude

Pianist

Rosemary Osborne