



St Ives Uniting Church

16 August 2026

Pentecost 12

Call to worship and welcome

The Christ candle

Hymn: 59 All people that on earth do dwell

Prayers of adoration

Responsive reading: Psalm 67

- ¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us—
- ² **so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.**
- ³ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
**for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.**
- ⁵ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.
- ⁷ **May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

Prayer of confession

Assurance of forgiveness

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

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Hymn: 158 God has spoken by his prophets

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Beth Facer

This is what the Lord says:

“Maintain justice
and do what is right,
for my salvation is close at hand
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

⁶ And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord
to minister to him,
to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it
and who hold fast to my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and give them joy in my house of prayer.

Their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations.”

⁸ The Sovereign Lord declares—
he who gathers the exiles of Israel:
“I will gather still others to them
besides those already gathered.”

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Matthew 15:21-28

Richard Facer

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

²⁶ He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

²⁷ “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: Crumbs...

Hymn: 442(ii) All praise to our redeeming Lord

Offering and prayer

Offering response: 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayers of the people and the Lord’s prayer

Jane Ann Tainsh

Hymn: 52 Let us sing to the God of Salvation

Benediction

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

Postlude

Pianist

Debbie Tung