



St Ives Uniting Church

30 August 2026

Pentecost 14

Call to worship and welcome

The Christ candle

Acknowledgment of Country:

The Ancient of Days breathed life into this land and her peoples. From time beyond our reckoning the Darramurragal clan, the Traditional Custodians, have blessed this place through their law and customs, their care and life. We pay respects to their Elders and leaders past and present and pray for the future of their communities. May we walk gently and respectfully on this Land.

Hymn: Immortal, invisible, God only wise - TiS 143

Prayers of adoration and confession

Assurance of forgiveness:

Hear Christ's words of grace - "your sins are forgiven."

Thanks be to God

Responsive reading:

Psalms 105:1-6

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;

make known among the nations what he has done.

Sing to him, sing praise to him;

tell of all his wonderful acts.

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Look to the Lord and his strength;

seek his face always.

Remember the wonders he has done,

his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,

you his servants, the descendants of Abraham,

his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace - TiS 607

Bible Readings:

Exodus 3:1-15

Jill McNamara

Moses and the Burning Bush

3 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³ So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

⁴ When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

And Moses said, “Here I am.”

⁵ “Do not come any closer,” God said. Take off your sandals for the place where you are standing is holy ground”. ⁶ Then he said, I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac & of Jacob” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of

the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt”.

¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

¹² And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

¹³ Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I am who I am. This is what you are to say to them: I am has sent me to you.”

¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say to them, ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’

This is my name forever you shall call me from generation to generation.

Matthew 16:21-28

Ashley Jacobsson

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.”

²³ But he turned and said “Get behind me Satan! You are a hindrance to me for you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.

²⁸ Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

For the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Who Do You Think You Are"

Hymn: Take my life and let it be - TiS 599

Offering and prayer

Offering Response (Doxology):

The LORD bless you and keep you the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace

Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer Lawrence Peak

Hymn: I, the Lord of sea and sky - TiS 658

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude **Organist** John Hughes