



St Ives Uniting Church

19 July 2026

Pentecost 8

Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 675 Lord, the light of your love is shining (Shine, Jesus, shine)

Prayer of adoration and confession

Responsive reading: Psalm 86:11-17

¹¹ Teach me your way, Lord,
that I may rely on your faithfulness;

**give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name.**

¹² I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;
I will glorify your name forever.

¹³ **For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the depths,
from the realm of the dead.**

¹⁴ Arrogant foes are attacking me, O God;
ruthless people are trying to kill me—
they have no regard for you.

¹⁵ **But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God,
slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.**

¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy on me;
show your strength in behalf of your servant;
save me, because I serve you
just as my mother did.

¹⁷ **Give me a sign of your goodness,
that my enemies may see it and be put to shame,
for you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

Assurance of forgiveness

Hear Christ's word of grace to us:

'Your sins are forgiven.'

Thanks be to God.

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Bible Readings:

Ps 139:1-12,23-24

Beth Dulin

- ¹ You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.
- ² You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- ³ You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
- ⁴ Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.
- ⁵ You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.
- ⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
- ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
- ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.
- ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"
- ¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you;

the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

²³ Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Romans 8:16-25

Robyn Egarr

¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that^[c] the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn: 10 The Lord's my shepherd

Sermon: God knows.

Hymn: 586 Abide with me

Offering and prayer

Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer

Beth Dulin

Hymn: 155 O Lord, my God (How great thou art)

Benediction

Postlude

Pianist

Debbie Tung