



St Ives Uniting Church

14 June 2026

Pentecost 3

Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 111 Praise to the Lord

Prayer of adoration and confession

Responsive reading: Psalm 116:1-7

- ¹ I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.
- ² Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.
- ³ The cords of death entangled me,
the anguish of the grave came over me;
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.
- ⁴ Then I called on the name of the Lord:
“Lord, save me!”
- ⁵ The Lord is gracious and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.
- ⁶ The Lord protects the unwary;
when I was brought low, he saved me.
- ⁷ Return to your rest, my soul,
for the Lord has been good to you.

Assurance of forgiveness

Hear Christ's word of grace to us:

‘Your sins are forgiven.’

Thanks be to God.

Notices:

Lawrence Peak

Bible Readings:

Psalm 116:8-19

Annette Burne

⁸ For you, Lord, have delivered me from death,
my eyes from tears,

my feet from stumbling,

⁹ that I may walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.

¹⁰ I trusted in the Lord when I said,
“I am greatly afflicted”;

¹¹ in my alarm I said,
“Everyone is a liar.”

¹² What shall I return to the Lord
for all his goodness to me?

¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful servants.

¹⁶ Truly I am your servant, Lord;
I serve you just as my mother did;
you have freed me from my chains.

¹⁷ I will sacrifice a thank offering to you
and call on the name of the Lord.

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the Lord—
in your midst, Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Romans 5:1-8

Caroline Turner

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hymn: 745 Seek ye first

Sermon: What shall I return to the Lord?

Hymn: 222 Rock of Ages

Offering and prayer

Prayers of the people

Jane Ann Tainsh

Hymn: 147 To God be the glory

Benediction

Postlude

Pianist

Debbie Tung

