



# **St Ives Uniting Church**

**7 June 2026**

## **Pentecost 2**

### **Call to worship and welcome**

**Hymn:** 134, Praise ,my soul, the king of heaven

### **Prayers of adoration and confession**

### **Assurance of forgiveness and the peace**

Hear the Good News of grace: In Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Notices**

### **Bible readings**

**Hosea 5:15-6:6**

Beth Facer

<sup>15</sup> Then I will return to my lair  
until they have borne their guilt  
and seek my face—  
in their misery  
they will earnestly seek me.”

“Come, let us return to the Lord.  
He has torn us to pieces  
but he will heal us;  
he has injured us  
but he will bind up our wounds.

<sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will restore us,  
that we may live in his presence.

<sup>3</sup> Let us acknowledge the Lord;  
let us press on to acknowledge him.  
As surely as the sun rises,  
he will appear;  
he will come to us like the winter rains,  
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

<sup>4</sup> “What can I do with you, Ephraim?  
What can I do with you, Judah?  
Your love is like the morning mist,  
like the early dew that disappears.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets,  
I killed you with the words of my mouth—  
then my judgments go forth like the sun.

<sup>6</sup> For I desire mercy, not sacrifice,  
and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.

For the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### **Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

Richard Facer

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

<sup>12</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>13</sup> But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’<sup>[a]</sup> For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

<sup>18</sup> While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, “My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on

her, and she will live.” <sup>19</sup> Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

<sup>20</sup> Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. <sup>21</sup> She said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.”

<sup>22</sup> Jesus turned and saw her. “Take heart, daughter,” he said, “your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed at that moment.

<sup>23</sup> When Jesus entered the synagogue leader’s house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, <sup>24</sup> he said, “Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep.” But they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. <sup>26</sup> News of this spread through all that region.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** Faith and healing

**Hymn:** 232 O the deep, deep love of Jesus

**Offering and prayer**

**Prayers of the people**

**Hymn:** 517 Hallelujah, sing to Jesus

**Holy Communion**

Lord,  
We come to your table,  
trusting in your mercy  
and not in any goodness of our own.  
We are not worthy  
even to gather up the crumbs under your table,  
but it is your nature always to have mercy.

**So feed us with the body and blood  
of Jesus Christ, your Son,  
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, singing:

**Hymn: 761  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

...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.**

...God has us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all people, and so we pray together:

**We thank you, Lord, that when we were still far off, you met us in your Son. He lived and died and rose again, declared your love and opened the way to everlasting life.**

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we who the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

**Keep us in the hope we have in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray.  
Amen.**

**Hymn: 154 Great is your faithfulness**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Organist**

**Jim Abraham**

