



St Ives Uniting Church

10 May 2026

Easter 6

Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 143 Immortal, invisible

Prayer of adoration

Responsive reading: Psalm 66:8-20

- ⁸ Praise our God, all peoples,
let the sound of his praise be heard;
- ⁹ he has preserved our lives
and kept our feet from slipping.
- ¹⁰ For you, God, tested us;
you refined us like silver.
- ¹¹ You brought us into prison
and laid burdens on our backs.
- ¹² You let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water,
but you brought us to a place of abundance.
- ¹³ I will come to your temple with burnt offerings
and fulfill my vows to you—
- ¹⁴ **vows my lips promised and my mouth spoke**
when I was in trouble.
- ¹⁵ I will sacrifice fat animals to you
and an offering of rams;
I will offer bulls and goats.
- ¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God;
let me tell you what he has done for me.
- ¹⁷ I cried out to him with my mouth;
his praise was on my tongue.

¹⁸ If I had cherished sin in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened;

¹⁹ but God has surely listened
and has heard my prayer.

²⁰ **Praise be to God,
who has not rejected my prayer
or withheld his love from me!**

Amen

Prayer of confession

Assurance of forgiveness

Hear Christ's word of grace, "Your sins are forgiven"

Thanks be to God

Hymn: 459(ii) In Christ there is no east or west

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Bible readings

John 14:15-21

Caroline Turner

¹⁵ "If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—
¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be^[a] in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Acts 17:22-31

Beth Facer

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: An unknown God?

Hymn: 453 We limit not the truth of God

Offering and prayer

Offering response: 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer

Hymn: 209 And can it be?

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude

Organist

Jim Abraham