



St Ives Uniting Church

24 May 2026

Pentecost

Call to worship

The Christ Candle

Hymn: 422 Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Prayers of adoration

Responsive reading: from Psalm 104

²⁴ How many are your works, Lord!

**In wisdom you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

²⁵ There is the sea, vast and spacious,
teeming with creatures beyond number—
living things both large and small.

²⁷ All creatures look to you
to give them their food at the proper time.

²⁸ When you give it to them,
they gather it up;
**when you open your hand,
they are satisfied with good things.**

³⁰ When you send your Spirit,
they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹ May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works—

³³ I will sing to the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him,

as I rejoice in the Lord.
Praise the Lord, my soul.
Praise the Lord.

Prayer of confession

Assurance of forgiveness

Hear Christ's word of grace, "Your sins are forgiven"
Thanks be to God

Notices

Lawrence Peak

First reading:

John 20:19-23

Elizabeth White

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second reading:

Acts 2:1-8, 12-21

Stephen White

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of

them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? [...] ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hymn: 416 Great God, your spirit like the wind

Sermon: The Spirit comes

Hymn: 409 O breath of life, come sweeping through us

Offering and prayer

Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer

Ross Lorenz

Hymn: 411 Filled with the Spirit's power

Benediction

Postlude

Pianist

Debbie Tung

