



St Ives Uniting Church

13 September 2026

Pentecost 16

Call to worship and welcome

The Christ candle

Hymn: 161 Tell out, my soul

Prayers of adoration and confession

Assurance of forgiveness

Hear Christ's word of grace,

"Your sins are forgiven."

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: 599(ii) Take my life, and let it be

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Bible Readings:

Exodus 14:19-31

Beth Dulin

¹⁹ Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, ²⁰ coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, ²² and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

²³ The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. ²⁴ During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. ²⁵ He jammed^[a] the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." ²⁷ Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward^[b] it, and the Lord swept them into the sea. ²⁸ The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

²⁹ But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. ³⁰ That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. ³¹ And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hebrews 11:23-29

Emily Jacobsson

²³ By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the

treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsive reading: Exodus 15:1b-11

^{1b}“I will sing to the Lord,
for he is highly exalted.

Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea.

² **“The Lord is my strength and my defense;
he has become my salvation.**

He is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

³ The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name.

⁴ **Pharaoh's chariots and his army
he has hurled into the sea.**

The best of Pharaoh's officers
are drowned in the Red Sea.

⁵ **The deep waters have covered them;
they sank to the depths like a stone.**

⁶ Your right hand, Lord, was majestic in power.
Your right hand, Lord, shattered the enemy.

⁷ “In the greatness of your majesty
you threw down those who opposed you.
**You unleashed your burning anger;
it consumed them like stubble.**

⁸ By the blast of your nostrils

the waters piled up.

**The surging waters stood up like a wall;
the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea.**

⁹ The enemy boasted,

‘I will pursue, I will overtake them.

I will divide the spoils;

I will gorge myself on them.

I will draw my sword

and my hand will destroy them.’

¹⁰ **But you blew with your breath,
and the sea covered them.**

They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

¹¹ Who among the gods

is like you, Lord?

**Who is like you - majestic in holiness,
awesome in glory, working wonders?**

Sermon: Crossing the sea

Hymn: 569 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Offering and prayer

Offering response: 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayers of the people and the Lord’s prayer

Emily Jacobsson

Hymn: 592 Stand up, stand up for Jesus

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude

Organist

John Hughes