



St Ives Uniting Church

17 August 2025

Pentecost 10

Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 454 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Prayer of adoration and confession

Responsive reading – from Psalm 80

³ Restore us, O God;

**make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.**

⁴ How long, Lord God Almighty,

**will your anger smoulder
against the prayers of your people?**

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears;

you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.

⁶ You have made us an object of derision to our neighbours,

and our enemies mock us.

⁷ Restore us, God Almighty;

**make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.**

⁸ You transplanted a vine from Egypt;

you drove out the nations and planted it.

⁹ You cleared the ground for it,

and it took root and filled the land.

¹³ Boars from the forest ravage it,

and insects from the fields feed on it.

¹⁴ Return to us, God Almighty!

Look down from heaven and see!

¹⁷ Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,

the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

¹⁸ Then we will not turn away from you;
revive us, and we will call on your name.

¹⁹ Restore us, Lord God Almighty;
**make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.**

Assurance of forgiveness

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

Thanks be to God

Hymn: 136 There's a wideness in God's mercy

Bible readings:

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Annette Burne

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.

³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

³¹ By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions,

³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning;^[b] they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute,

persecuted and mistreated—³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Luke 12:49-56

Susanne Hledik

[Jesus said] ⁴⁹ “I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴ He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does. ⁵⁵ And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is. ⁵⁶ Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?”

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: Division, not peace?

Hymn: 373 Hail, our once-despised Jesus

Offering

Offering response: 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayers of the people and the Lord's prayer

Beth Dulin

Hymn: 28 God is our strength and refuge

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude

Pianist

Deb Marshall