



# St Ives Uniting Church

24 August 2025

## Pentecost 11

Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: Majesty, worship his majesty

Prayer of adoration and confession

Assurance of forgiveness

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

**Thanks be to God**

Responsive reading – from Psalm 71

<sup>1</sup> In you, Lord, I have taken refuge;

**let me never be put to shame.**

<sup>2</sup> In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;

**turn your ear to me and save me.**

<sup>3</sup> Be my rock of refuge,

**to which I can always go;**

give the command to save me,

**for you are my rock and my fortress.**

<sup>4</sup> Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,

**from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.**

<sup>5</sup> For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord,

**my confidence since my youth.**

<sup>6</sup> From birth I have relied on you;

**you brought me forth from my mother's womb.**

**I will ever praise you.**

Hymn: 703 As the deer pants for the water

**Bible readings:****Luke 13:10-17**

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<sup>10</sup> On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, <sup>11</sup> and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” <sup>13</sup> Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

<sup>14</sup> Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, “There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.”

<sup>15</sup> The Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? <sup>16</sup> Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?”

<sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God****Hebrews 12:18-29**

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<sup>18</sup> You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; <sup>19</sup> to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, <sup>20</sup> because they could not bear what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.” <sup>21</sup> The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.”

<sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, <sup>23</sup> to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup> See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” <sup>27</sup> The words “once more” indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

<sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for our “God is a consuming fire.”

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

**Sermon:** Two mountains

**Hymn:** 233 I will sing the wondrous story

**Offering and prayer**

**Offering response:** 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

**Prayers of the people and the Lord’s prayer**

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**Hymn:** 155 O Lord my God (How great thou art)

**Benediction**

**Threefold Amen**

**Postlude**

**Pianist**

**Lawrence Peak**