



St Ives Uniting Church

22 June 2025

Pentecost 2

Video: UCA President's 48th Anniversary message

Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 724 Hosanna (twice through)

Prayer of adoration and confession

Assurance of forgiveness

Hear Christ's word of grace to us:

'Your sins are forgiven.'

Thanks be to God.

Declaration of faith – We are a pilgrim people

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

**We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One,
confessing him as Lord
to the glory of God the Father.**

**In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the Church,
the Head over all things,
the beginning of a new creation.**

**We acknowledge that we live and work
between the time of Christ's death and resurrection
and the final consummation of all things
which he will bring.**

**We are a pilgrim people,
always on the way towards a promised goal;**

**on the way Christ feeds us with word and sacraments,
and we have the gift of the Spirit
in order that we may not lose the way.**

**We will live and work within the faith and unity
of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
bearing witness to that unity
which is both Christ's gift and his will.**

**We affirm that every member of the Church
is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified.
Together with all the people of God,
we will serve the world for which Christ died.
And we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.**

Amen

Notices

Richie Dulin

Bible Readings:

2 Chronicles 30:1-9

Shirley Ashton

¹ Hezekiah sent word to all Israel and Judah and also wrote letters to Ephraim and Manasseh, inviting them to come to the temple of the Lord in Jerusalem and celebrate the Passover to the Lord, the God of Israel.

² The king and his officials and the whole assembly in Jerusalem decided to celebrate the Passover in the second month. ³ They had not been able to celebrate it at the regular time because not enough priests had consecrated themselves and the people had not assembled in Jerusalem.

⁴ The plan seemed right both to the king and to the whole assembly.

⁵ They decided to send a proclamation throughout Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, calling the people to come to Jerusalem and celebrate the Passover to the Lord, the God of Israel. It had not been celebrated in large numbers according to what was written.

⁶ At the king's command, couriers went throughout Israel and Judah with letters from the king and from his officials, which read:

“People of Israel, return to the Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, that he may return to you who are left, who have escaped from the hand of the kings of Assyria. ⁷ Do not be like your parents and your fellow Israelites, who were unfaithful to the Lord, the God of their ancestors, so that he made them an object of horror, as you see. ⁸ Do not be stiff-necked, as your ancestors were; submit to the Lord. Come to his sanctuary, which he has consecrated forever. Serve the Lord your God, so that his fierce anger will turn away from you. ⁹ If you return to the Lord, then your fellow Israelites and your children will be shown compassion by their captors and will return to this land, for the Lord your God is gracious and compassionate. He will not turn his face from you if you return to him.”

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Galatians 3:23-29

Emily Jacobsson

²³ Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith.

²⁵ Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hymn: 473 Community of Christ

Sermon: Revival?

Hymn: 456 Your hand, O God, has guided

Offering and prayer

Offering response: 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayers of the people

Emily Jacobsson

Hymn: 470 Rejoice in God's saints

Benediction

Sung blessing: Now unto him who is able to keep

Postlude

Pianist

Deb Marshall