



St Ives Uniting Church

29 June 2025

Pentecost 3

Call to worship and welcome

The Christ Candle

Hymn: 158 God has spoken

Prayer of adoration and confession

Assurance of forgiveness

Hear Christ's word of grace to us:

'Your sins are forgiven.'

Thanks be to God.

Responsive reading - Psalm 77:1-2,11-20

I cried out to God for help;

I cried out to God to hear me.

² When I was in distress, I sought the Lord;

**at night I stretched out untiring hands,
and I would not be comforted.**

¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the Lord;

yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.

¹² I will consider all your works

and meditate on all your mighty deeds."

¹³ Your ways, God, are holy.

What god is as great as our God?

¹⁴ You are the God who performs miracles;

you display your power among the peoples.

¹⁵ With your mighty arm you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

¹⁶ **The waters saw you, God,
the waters saw you and writhed;
the very depths were convulsed.**

¹⁷ The clouds poured down water,
the heavens resounded with thunder;
your arrows flashed back and forth.

¹⁸ **Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind,
your lightning lit up the world;
the earth trembled and quaked.**

¹⁹ Your path led through the sea,
your way through the mighty waters,
though your footprints were not seen.

²⁰ **You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

Hymn: 569 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Notices

Lawrence Peak

Bible Readings:

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Susanne Hledik

¹Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel.

⁶Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets^[a] also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it

up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' ¹⁰ He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

¹³ He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, 'Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?' When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Luke 9:51-62

Beth Dulin

⁵¹ As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; ⁵³ but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them^[a]?" ⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then he and his disciples went to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

⁵⁸ Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

⁵⁹ He said to another man, “Follow me.”

But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

⁶¹ Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.”

⁶² Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn: 473 Community of Christ

Sermon: Taking the mantle

Hymn: 687 God gives us a future (4 verses)

Offering and prayer

Offering response: 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayers of the people and the Lord’s prayer

Hymn: 129 Amazing grace (6 verses)

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude

Organist

Jim Abraham