



St Ives Uniting Church

16 November 2025

Pentecost 23

Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 215 You servants of God

Prayer of adoration and confession

Responsive reading - Isaiah 12

In that day you will say:

“I will praise you, Lord.

**Although you were angry with me,
your anger has turned away
and you have comforted me.**

² Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust and not be afraid.

The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense;
he has become my salvation.”

³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

⁴ In that day you will say:

**“Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done,
and proclaim that his name is exalted.**

⁵ Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things;
let this be known to all the world.

⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

Assurance of forgiveness

Hear the good news of grace: In Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: 745 Seek ye first

Bible readings

Isaiah 65:17-25

Rob Mayrick

¹⁷ “See, I will create
new heavens and a new earth.
The former things will not be remembered,
nor will they come to mind.
¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I will create,
for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight
and its people a joy.
¹⁹ I will rejoice over Jerusalem
and take delight in my people;
the sound of weeping and of crying
will be heard in it no more.

²⁰ “Never again will there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not live out his years;
the one who dies at a hundred
will be thought a mere child;
the one who fails to reach a hundred
will be considered accursed.
²¹ They will build houses and dwell in them;
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
²² No longer will they build houses and others live in them,
or plant and others eat.
For as the days of a tree,
so will be the days of my people;
my chosen ones will long enjoy
the work of their hands.

²³ They will not labor in vain,
nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune;
for they will be a people blessed by the Lord,
they and their descendants with them.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer;
while they are still speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will feed together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox,
and dust will be the serpent's food.

They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,"
says the Lord.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Luke 21:5-19

Shirley Luttrell

⁵ Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶ "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

⁷ "Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"

⁸ He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them.

⁹ When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away."

¹⁰ Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. ¹³ And so you will bear testimony to me. ¹⁴ But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵ For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ Stand firm, and you will win life.

For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: Kingdom come.

Hymn: 47 Our God, our help in ages past

Offering and prayer

Offering response: 768 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayers of the people Ross Lorenz

The Lord’s prayer

Hymn: 28 God is our strength and refuge

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude **Organist** John Hughes