



# St Ives Uniting Church

12 October 2025

## Pentecost 18

### Call to worship and welcome

Hymn: 158 God has spoken by his prophets

### Prayer of adoration

### Responsive reading - Psalm 66:1-6

- <sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to God, all the earth!
- <sup>2</sup> **Sing the glory of his name;  
make his praise glorious.**
- <sup>3</sup> Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
**So great is your power  
that your enemies cringe before you.**
- <sup>4</sup> All the earth bows down to you;  
**they sing praise to you,  
they sing the praises of your name."**
- <sup>5</sup> Come and see what God has done,  
**his awesome deeds for mankind!**
- <sup>6</sup> He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the waters on foot—  
**come, let us rejoice in him.**

### Prayer of confession

### Assurance of forgiveness

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.  
Hear then the word of grace and the assurance of pardon:  
Your sins are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:** 407 Breathe on me, breath of God

**Bible readings****Jeremiah 29:1,4-7**

Elizabeth White

This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

<sup>4</sup> This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup> “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup> Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. <sup>7</sup> Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

For the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God****2 Timothy 2:8-15**

Stephen White

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God’s word is not chained. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

<sup>11</sup> Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him,  
we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup> if we endure,  
we will also reign with him.

If we disown him,  
he will also disown us;  
<sup>13</sup> if we are faithless,  
he remains faithful,  
for he cannot disown himself.

<sup>14</sup> Keep reminding God's people of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. <sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

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

**Sermon:** Here we are.

**Hymn:** 154 Great is your faithfulness

**Offering and prayer**

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

**Prayers of intercession** Shirley Ashton

**The Lord's prayer**

**Hymn:** 687 God gives us a future

**Benediction**

**Threefold Amen**

**Postlude**

**Pianist**

Lawrence Peak

