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***Liturgical Date: Year B, Pentecost 25, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021***

**Presenter**                      **Rev Steve Larkin**

**Focus Readings**              Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

**Message**              11 minutes 25 seconds      **“Prayer of desperation and faith”**

### **Discussion Starters**

- 1** What do you find the most significant idea in this message?
- 2** What “unchangeable” situation have you grieved over as Hannah did?
- 3** How can we constructively provide pastoral care to those in our congregation who are going through a time of great disappointment or pain?
- 4** What can we as a church community do to support our community through times of grief?

### **Other Lectionary readings for the day**

**Hebrews 10:11-14** Christ’s actions mark a change from former priests who repeatedly offer sacrifices that do not fully defeat sin. Christ makes one single offering that defeats sin for all.

**1 Samuel 2:1-10** Hannah sings praise to God. Her whole being has been changed from weeping to singing. God’s wondrous action has moved Hannah, offering a hopeful witness that God does indeed hear and respond to prayer.

**Mark 13:1-8** Jesus predicts the destruction of the Jerusalem temple. Sitting opposite of the temple, Jesus offers apocalyptic discourse about the signs that will accompany the destruction of the temple and the birth of something new.

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**All Age Message**      **Rev Steve Larkin**              **“Hannah’s prayer?”**

**Length**      3 Minutes 25 seconds

### **Precis of AAM**

God is so good! He hears and answers the prayers of his people in the way He knows will be best for us. Sometimes we make promises to God. Are we, like Hannah, faithful in keeping our promises to God?

**Resources**      **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book)**      No Psalm is listed for today

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