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Liturgical Date: Year C, Epiphany 3, 23rd January 2022

Presenter Rev Nicole Fleming

Focus Readings 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Message 8 minutes 30 seconds ***“We Are The Body Of Christ”***

Discussion Starters

- 1** In what you've heard today, is there an image that stands out for you?
- 2** How are you reminded of your place in the church when you here the metaphor 'Body of Christ'?
- 3** What are the gifts you identify in each other in this church community and how do you value them?
- 4** In what creative and prophetic ways might you offer these gifts together as the Body of Christ, to the local community in which you live?

Lectionary readings for the day

Nehemiah 8:1-3 Ezra the priest/scribe presides at a solemn service of the word that lasts from early morning until midday. He adds words of interpretation so that those gathered can understand the word. The leaders urge the faithful to depart in a spirit of celebration.

Psalm 19 Verses 7 & 8 announce joy in hearing God's word as they proclaim the perfection of God's law and its salutary effects on the faithful. They echo today's Gospel and the word from Nehemiah.

Luke 4:14-21 As Jesus continues his early public ministry, he enters the synagogue and preaches his first public sermon. After reading the prophet Isaiah, Jesus declares that the Spirit is upon him and the scripture is fulfilled in his speaking.

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All Age Message Rev Nicole Fleming ***“Embrace Your Body”***

Length 3 Minutes 0 seconds

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Paul talks a lot about bodies. Talking about bodies, how do we embrace our bodies? The book 'EMBRACE your BODY' written by Taryn Brumfitt and illustrated by Sinead Hanley tells us that "Your body is somebody 'cause no bodies got a body like you" – so embrace your body!

Resources **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book).** **Psalm 19, pages 255-256**

Rev Nicole Fleming

I am currently serving the UC as the Candidate Formation Coordinator at United Theological College. In my current role I am enthusiastic about supporting candidates through their formation program and assisting them to integrate academic learning with ministry practice. When I'm not working, I am enjoying spending time with my partner and 4-year-old son. One of our recent hobbies has been riding bikes along Parramatta River. I also love spending time sharing good food and wine with friends, travelling, and I quite like knitting and watching movies.