

**PROJECT RECONNECT** 

www.projectreconnect.uca.org.au www.facebook.com/projrecon

# *Liturgical Date: Year C, Easter 2, 24th April 2022 Rev Tom Stuart*

Presenter

Focus Readings John 20:19-31

*Message* 12 minutes 55 seconds

"God who moves down"

## **Discussion Starters**

- **1** What is something which stands out for you today in Tom's message.
- 2 Recall how struggle, suffering, woundedness, has been central in realising the greater love of God.
- **3** Describe how struggle in your congregation has also been a coming down of God into your circumstances.
- 4 How does this message of God "coming down" bring good news into your community, and our world?

## Lectionary readings for the day

Acts 10:34-43 The resurrection creates in the disciples the faith and courage to witness to those who oppose them

**Psalm 150** The psalmist jubilantly celebrates everything about God by singing loud praises for his power, greatness and music – every living thing must praise the Lord.

**Revelation 1:4-8** Everything john wants to say to these 7 churches stems from his vision of God's grace, mercy, and majesty made manifest in and through Jesus the Christ, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

(Excerpted from Abingdon's Theological Companion to the Lectionary, Year C. Copyright c2012 by Abingdon Press, an imprint of the United Methodist Publishing House. Used by permission. All rights reserved.)

#### All Age Message

"Loved As We Are"

*Length* 5 minutes 20 seconds

## Precis of AAM

Being called by God embraces the task of loving ourselves as God loves us – God calls us into wholeness and resurrection through our brokenness. That kind of love can only come from God. "Mot" is there to remind us to love ourselves unconditionally.

## Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 150 Page 356.

## **Rev Tom Stuart**

I am a minister at the Charlestown and Garden Suburb Congregation. Married to Kathy and one of their adult children, Maree, (who has an intellectual disability) is still living with them.