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**Liturgical Date: Year C, Pentecost 2, 19th June 2022**

**Presenter** *Pastor Rick Johnston*

**Focus Readings** Galatians 3:23-29

**Message** 9 minutes 35 seconds **“One in Christ”**

### **Discussion Starters**

1. Was there anything in today’s message that surprised you?
2. Did Paul’s words speak to you personally? Do those around you have a similar understanding?
3. How relevant are Paul’s words to your Church Community? What could your church family do to bring people closer to God?
4. Does this message apply to the community in which you reside? Discuss the ramifications of relating to the wider community.

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

**1 Kings:19 1-4 (5-7) 8-15a** Elijah has about had it with the ups and downs of ministry. But God is not yet finished with him. After feeding and reassuring the prophet, God puts Elijah right back to work.

**Psalm 42 and 43** The psalms pull no punches that we all get discouraged. Sometimes the memory of God’s faithfulness in the past is all we have to go on until God brings us a new and better day.

**Luke 8:26-39** The power of the kingdom comes to the people of the Gerasene, and it scares them half to death. Apparently one demon-crazed man was easier to deal with than the idea that God might just upset everything we have foolishly come to accept as ‘normal’.

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**All Age Message:** Max Day **“Lego family ‘Oneness’ ”**

**Length** 1 minute 5 seconds

### **Precis of AAM**

Lego has so many different pieces, colours and shapes but when all put together, they can make something very beautiful. Reminds us of the Bible verse where Jesus says we are ‘all one’ and that is beautiful too!

**Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 42 and 43, pages 280-282.**

### **Pastor Rick Johnston**

I am currently the Minister at Lane cove Uniting Church in Sydney and a part time preacher in Forbes Uniting church in the Central West of NSW. My favourite pastimes include heading bush in our 4WD and being with our children and grandchildren. I also occasionally play guitar in church services and with a bush band.