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Liturgical Date: Year C, Pentecost 13, 4th September 2022

Presenter Rev Allison Forrest

Focus Readings Luke 14: 25-33

Message 7 minutes 10 seconds "The Best Invitation we could ever receive"

Discussion Starters

- 1. What word or idea in the message stood out for you today?
- 2. What does it mean for you to make following Jesus your number one commitment?
- 3. What invitation might Jesus be making to your church at this time?
- 4. How can you share Jesus' invitation to follow him, with your community?

Lectionary readings for the day

Jeremiah 18:1-11 God is like a potter, shaping and forming Israel, the clay in his hands. Israel's decision to turn away from God determines its future.

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 God's intimate knowledge of each person is poetically praised in the witness to God's loving artistry.

Philemon 1:1-21 Paul's letter witnesses to his effort to shape a forgiving and reconciling Christian community, here calling on Philemon to accept a runaway slave back as a "dearly loved brother" (v16).

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All Age Message: Catherine Beeton "The ocean is like God's love?"

Length 4 minutes 20 seconds

Precis of AAM

Using the book "The Boy and the Ocean" published by Crossways, we hear that God's love is like an ocean – it is always there, always deep and never ends.

Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18, page 348-349.

Rev Allison Forrest

I am an ordained deacon in placement at Toronto Uniting Church. I've been and early childhood teacher, mission worker, church and university administrator, and have qualifications in English, education, philosophy, and TESOL. I was studying to become a librarian when God changed my life by calling me into formation! I love to learn and studying theology is my happy place! I also enjoy practicing yoga, singing knitting, bushwalking, cooking (especially dinners for friends!), and learning to become a gardener.