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Liturgical Date: Year C, Pentecost 21, 30th October 2022

Presenter ***Rev Tom Stuart***

Focus Readings Luke 19: 1-10

Message 8 minutes 35 seconds ***“Unmerited Praise!”***

Discussion Starters

1. What is something you can take home from the message today?
2. Relate your experience of receiving unmerited praise or grace?
3. Describe where you have seen such unguarded affirmation in your church?
4. Describe the places/people that so need to experience such affirmation today?

Lectionary readings for the day

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Though times may seem hopeless, the righteous stand at their watch-post and work for and await a hope-filled future, since God has promised that ‘there is still a vision for the appointed time’.

Psalms 119:137-144 In the midst of troubles and anguish, God’s reliable promises and guiding commandments are our delight.

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 The author praises the Thessalonians for their steadfastness and faith during their persecutions and afflictions.

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All Age Message: ***“Being the person I would like to meet!”***

Length 2 minutes 20 seconds

Precis of AAM

Tom talks about changing his behaviour while going on his daily walks. The people he greets are really pleased to interact. Like Zacchaeus it seems many people want to interact and make connections.

Resources: *Uniting in Worship (Blue Book)*. Psalm 119: 137-144, pages 338-339

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