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Liturgical Date: Year A, Advent 3, 11th December 2022

Presenter **Pastor Kim Langford**

**** There is an Advent Welcome for this Sunday, in song list 2 of this DVD and in the "Seasonal file" on the Website, that can be used to open the worship today.**

Focus readings Matthew 11:2-11

Message 9 minutes 10 seconds

"Attuned to God's Kingdom"

Discussion Starters

- 1** What do you think most connects the story of the subway musician and John's question about Jesus?
- 2** How might your faith be enriched by 'taking more time and covering less ground'?
- 3** What would your congregation have to say if someone wanted to know who Jesus is and where to see signs of his continuing work?
- 4** In what ways might you tune into the kingdom of God around you where you live and work alongside others?

Lectionary readings for the day

Isaiah 35:1-10 Sorrow and need are staples of life, but God makes healing and nurture the Holy Way.

Psalms 146:5-10 The goodness of the Lord is extolled in all the ways that wholeness is created for those who are broken: the oppressed are given justice, the hungry are fed, the ill are healed. All of this is a work of the Lord.

James 5:7-10 We await the coming of the Lord with patience, even as the prophets did: speaking "in the name of the Lord," the place of strength that enables patience.

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All Age Message: Sue Pepper

"Looking for Signings"

Length 4 Minutes 10 seconds

Precis of AAM

Signs help us to know the things we should and should not do. In Biblical times people looked for signs in the passages they read and what was happening in the world. When Jesus came, he gave a different group of signs to what was expected.

Resources **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book).** **Psalm 146, 5-10 page 352-353**

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Kim is a Uniting Church University Chaplain, School Chaplain to young diagnosed with special needs, Supervisor or Counsellor. Kim's other professional interests include wholistic spiritual care, Logotherapy, philosophy, Theo-humanism, and well-being research. Whatever the context, she enjoys facilitating people's growth as unique and fully alive humans. For replenishment, she reads widely, writes fiction/reflections, plays music, and hangs out with loved ones around the beautiful bush-scape of Lake Macquarie.