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Liturgical Date: Year A, Lent 3, 12th March 2023

Presenter ***Elliot Burns***

Focus Reading John 4: 5-42

Message 10 minutes 50 seconds ***“Three strikes & you are in...Unconditional love!”***

Discussion Starters

- 1** When has there been a time when you have received or witnessed unconditional love?
- 2** What parts of Jesus life have the biggest influence on your life?
- 3** How is your church displaying unconditional love?
- 4** Where is the greatest need for unconditional love in your community?

Lectionary readings for the day

Exodus 17:1-7 In the wilderness the Israelites ask Moses for water and he brings it forth from a rock. By naming the encampment Massah and Meribah, Moses reveals that the people are really anxious about the source of faith.

Psalm 95 After first person plural imperatives (Let's....!) to extol and praise God, the psalm switches to divine warning against testing God.

Romans 5: 1-11 Paul expounds one aspect of theodicy: suffering – he seems to mean suffering in discipleship – can be the means by which hope is produced.

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All Age Message: Elliot Burns

“G-O-D & D-O-G”

Length 2 minutes 13 seconds

Precis of AAM

We hear about the little dog called Chester and what we can learn from him, that is very much like we can learn from Jesus.

When we get a new 'pet' we make a commitment to do certain things for them. Chester loves everyone and wants to greet them. This is the 'unconditionally love' he has for everyone.

Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 95 - pages 316-317

Elliot Burns

I live at North Lambton with my wife Maryann, one of our 2 adult sons Nick and two Cavalier King Charles Spaniels (Monty and Chester). I'm a member of Jesmond Park Uniting Church. I have just retired from work having been in heavy industry & done WHS training. I enjoy playing soccer and cycling. I have restored several vintage classic cars, currently working on a 1934 MG.