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### ***Liturgical Date: Year A, Lent 4, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023***

**Presenter** *Rev Allison Forrest*

**Focus Reading** 1 Samuel 16: 1-13, John 9: 1-41

**Message** 6 minutes 20 seconds *“God - the one who truly sees”*

#### **Discussion Starters**

- 1** What word or idea stood out to you in the message today?
- 2** What does it mean to you to know that God is the one who truly sees?
- 3** The religious leaders couldn't see who Jesus really was – is there a lesson here for your church?
- 4** How might you “see” (as God does) those who are overlooked or forgotten in your community?

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

**Psalm 23** The psalm reflects complete trust in God. This trust is based on the psalmist's experience of God's will and capacity to be always present and leading and to provide absolute serenity and protection.

**Ephesians 5:8-14** This passage is an exhortation to an already converted audience to keep living into its conversion. Believers are to live ethically in the light and to *be* light.

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**All Age Message:** Rev Allison Forrest

*“Itiiti's Gift*

**Length** 8 minutes 30 seconds

#### **Precis of AAM**

“Itiiti's Gift” is a book written by Melanie Drewery, illustrated by Fifi Colston and Published by Reed Publishing.

Her name meant ‘tiny’ in the Samoan language. She was. She struggled to find what she may be good at. She was told she would have a ‘gift’ and if she stopped looking it would find her! As the story un-folds, she does find her gift – it had been there all the time.

**Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 23 - pages 260**

### **Rev Allison Forrest**

I am an ordained Deacon in placement at Toronto Uniting Church, on the western side of Lake Macquarie. I love to learn and studying theology is definitely my happy place! I also enjoy practising yoga, singing, knitting, bushwalking, cooking (especially dinners for friends!), and learning to become a gardener.