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Liturgical Date: Year A, Easter 2, 16th April 2023

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Focus Reading Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Message 11 minutes 35 seconds

“Acting in the Spirit”

Discussion Starters

- 1** Are there other places in the Gospels where you know that Jesus is quoting the Hebrew scriptures?
- 2** Why do you think that he does this?
- 3** How might you be inspired to new action knowing that the Giving of the Holy Spirit was such a new horizon for Peter, the disciples and those present?
- 4** What might the Holy Spirit be pointing your faith community towards as part of God’s continuing new creation?

Lectionary readings for the day

Psalm 16 A song of trust and of a confession of faith in YHWH alone, this psalm becomes an expression of confidence through its descriptions of God’s providence. There is fullness of life in this trust.

1 Peter 1:3-9 An expression of awe, blessing, and praise for the mercy God has shown in giving new birth and a living hope in the resurrection of Jesus.

John 20:19-31 On the evening of the day that Jesus rose from the dead, he enters a room filled with disciples who are trying to lock out all that threatened them in the aftermath of the crucifixion. He appears and breathes the Holy Spirit on them and brings peace.

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All Age Message: Rev Tom Stuart

“Be A Doubting Thomas”

Length 5 minutes 05 seconds

Precis of AAM

The name “Thomas” derived from the old Hebrew language and meant ‘twin’ – to become like a twin of Jesus by the way you live. This Thomas was a doubter. He needed to see Jesus and his scars to believe. Sometimes asking questions will lead us to a deeper knowing which will then create opportunities for growth.

Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 16 – pages 253-254

Rev Ann Perrin

- * Minister of the Word in the Uniting Church for 20 years.
- * Now a Mission Facilitation Consultant with UME with rural and regional focus.
- * Passionate about how local congregations can find ways to connect in their communities.
- * Lives in Orange on the Central Tablelands and is married with 4 children and 4 grandchildren.
- * Interested in Pilates, cooking, reading, and catching up with family and friends.