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**Liturgical Date: Year A, Easter 6, 14th May 2023**

**Presenter** *Rev Dr David Manton*

**Focus Reading** John 14:15-21

**Message** 7 minutes 55 seconds

**“We are not alone”**

### **Discussion Starters**

- 1** How have you heard the voice of God in the sermon today? How is it meaningful for you?
- 2** How does this relate to YOUR faith journey, especially at this current time?
- 3** How does this influence YOUR church, what might your church do differently as a result of this message?
- 4** What is the significance to YOUR community, how will today’s message help you better serve your community?

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

**Psalm 6: 8-20** Both a communal and individual thanksgiving for deliverance, this psalm is a remembrance of God’s help through every kind of difficulty. song of lament, this psalm rehearses the elements of lament often overlooked - prayer and trust.

**Acts 17:22-31** Paul, who witnessed the stoning of Stephen, and who by the spirit became the holy fruit of that terrible act, is shown here in Athens bearing witness to Christ in a very different context. Paul offers the Athenians a better hope.

**1 Peter 2: 2-10** Christ suffered to bring us to God, and in the face of suffering the letter encourages the church, “whenever anyone asks you to speak of your hope, be ready to defend it” (v15).

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**All Age Message:** Rev Michael Earl

**“Do not be afraid”**

**Length** 4 minutes 55 seconds

### **Precis of AAM**

‘Hide and Seek’ a fun game for children. However if the hiding place is so good that no-one finds you it can get a little scary and we can feel very alone. In life we can feel very alone but Jesus assures us to not be afraid but put our trust in him and God. Jesus seeks us out when we are afraid and God never leaves us.

**Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 66:8-20 - pages 295-296**

## **Rev Dr David Manton**

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