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***Liturgical Date: Year A, Easter 7, 21st May 2023***

***Presenter***                      ***Rev Michael Earl***

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

***Message***                      8 minutes 10 seconds                      ***“Why the Ascension Matters”***

### **Discussion Starters**

- 1** How have you heard the voice of God in the sermon today? How is it meaningful to you?
- 2** How do you react to the Ascension? Is it difficult, challenging, enlightening? Where does it help your faith grow?
- 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 47** An expression of the Kingship of God, this psalm recognises YHWH on the throne over heaven and earth. Christians traditionally hear in this the conquest of this son-of-David, Jesus.

**Ephesians 1:15-23** The letter is a prayer for the church to see what is the hope of God’s call. We ought not to put our hope in the church any more than God does, but the power of God is somehow at work making it a place where resurrection life happens. It is still a broken place, but God has a hope for us.

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**All Age Message:** Rev Michael Earl                      ***“Jesus is still here”***

**Length**      3 minutes 48 seconds

### **Precis of AAM**

Moving house and away from friends can be a very challenging time but with the use of letters, computers and phones connections can still be maintained. Jesus did not do it quite that way but he left his Holy Spirit as a connection so we are never alone and the spirit is there to encourage us every day.

**Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 47 - pages 285-286**

## **Rev Michael Earl**

Current Minister in placement at Bowral/Mittagong UCA (11years), formally minister at Wesley Mission, Sydney (4years), keen cyclist, chess player, and father of 4 growing children, married to Lucy.