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**Liturgical Date: Year B, Pentecost 13, 18th August 2024**

**Presenter: Rev Geoff Stevenson**

**Focus Reading: John 6:51-58**

**Message** 8 minutes 10 seconds

**“Feeding our Hungry Yearning”**

### **Discussion Starters**

- 1** What have you been hearing God saying to you today?
- 2** Describe a deep yearning in your life? How can God’s love satisfy this yearning?
- 3** How can your congregation feed on Christ and be filled with his spirit?
- 4** What ways might we share God’s love and the hope of Christ with other people?

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

**1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14** When David dies after a 40-year reign, his son Solomon succeeds him to the throne. Solomon asks for wisdom and understanding to distinguish “good from evil”, and God grants him his wish and much more.

**Psalms 111** In this hymn of praise, the psalmist acknowledges God’s faithfulness to God’s covenant toward God’s creation. Humanity’s acknowledgement is expressed in the statement that “fear of the Lord is where wisdom begins”.

**Ephesians 5: 15-20** A spirit- intoxicated life in God is better than one that indulges in the pleasures of the world. In addition, it enables those to whom God has given much to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to them. Paul reminds today’s disciples and the Ephesian converts of this very thing.

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**All Age Message: Rev Geoff Stevenson**

**“Pearls of Food??”**

**Length** 3 minutes 45 seconds

### **Precis of AAM**

This story about some Pearl Merchants who, after boasting about their pearls and how good they were, meet another old merchant who tells them a story about what happened to him. How when he was lost, hungry and thirsty in the desert all the wealth he had in a bag was of no use to him. What does this story have to say to us and what is it that we really need?

**Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 111 - Pages 329-330**

### **Rev Geoff Stevenson**

I live in Old Toongabbie with my wife, Susan and our 2 dogs, Nico and Nessa. I am the Chairperson-Mission Strategist of Parramatta-Nepean Presbytery and I love to share with congregations around mission and living as God’s people in the world, sharing hope, peace, and love. I enjoy walking the dogs, playing music (saxophone and guitar) photography and sports (mainly football-soccer).