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Liturgical Date: Year B, Pentecost 14, 25th August 2024

Presenter: Rev Jon Humphries

Focus Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20 & John 6:56-69

Message 8 minutes 10 seconds

“Working Out the Armour of God”

Discussion Starters

- 1** What have you been hearing in this presentation which was new for you?
- 2** What struggles have you had which have pulled you or blocked you from living the way Jesus taught?
- 3** What might it mean for our church to stand up and struggle against that which works against God’s Kingdom?
- 4** What issues or injustice or inequity might people be facing in our community because authorities and institutions are not upholding the love and way of God?

Lectionary readings for the day

1 Kings 8 (1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43 During the dedication of the temple, King Solomon prays to the Lord to maintain God’s promises to his father, David, and to forgive the sins of the children of Israel.

Psalm 84 In this song of Zion, the psalmist longs to dwell in the house of the Lord (temple) even if for just a day. He would rather “be a doorkeeper” in the house of his God, than “dwell in tents of wickedness”.

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All Age Message: Rev Jon Humphries

“Feeding Our Soul”

Length 3 minutes 40 seconds

Precis of AAM

We hear an explanation of the symbols of bread and wine and what they mean in a Communion Service. Food and drink is necessary to keep us alive. In Jesus’s time Blood was a symbol of “life” – connects us to the very essence of life. The bread, or the Body, is a symbol of “living”, as a church we are called to be the Body of Christ and live as Jesus did.

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 84 - Pages 307-308

Rev Jon Humphries

Jon is ministry leader at St Matthew’s Uniting Church Baulkham Hills. He has been in placement since October 2023. He is passionate about creative ways of engaging with God. Jon was the National Advocate for the UCA Assembly’s Transforming Worship Circle of Interest until the Assembly in July this year. He also has a passion for wellbeing and flourishing. His favourite way to look after his wellbeing and recharge his spirit is to go kayaking.