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Liturgical Date: Year B, Pentecost 24, 3rd November

Presenter: Rev Garry Derkenne

Focus Reading: Mark 12:28-34

Message 11 minutes 15 seconds

“Travelling Light”

Discussion Starters

- 1** Share briefly about a holiday you enjoyed?
- 2** What issues do you face in deciding what to take?
- 3** What are some of the main transformations in the world and church that you have experienced in your lifetime?
- 4** Remember that Jesus travelled light, in these times of change for the church what are you hanging on to, and what are you letting go?

Readings for this day

Ruth 1:1-18 After the death of Elimelech and his 2 sons, Ruth is left a widow, she decides to return to her homeland. Daughter-in-law Orpah turned back, Ruth stayed with her and pledged loyalty to Naomi and her people

Psalms 146 In contrast to human leaders, God brings justice to the oppressed.

Hebrews 9:11-14 While former priests offered animal blood to purify human flesh, Christ as our high priest offers his own blood to purify us even more and prepare us for worship.

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All Age Message: Pearl Nunn

“Ruth and Naomi”

Length 4 minutes 0 seconds

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Ruth was a Moabite and Naomi a Jew – they were from very different backgrounds. That was not a problem for God, He is concerned about all people regardless of race, nationality, or status. God uses people that are seemingly unimportant to make change. Ruth found god through Naomi.

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 146 - Pages 352-353

Rev Garry Derkenne

Garry is a Uniting Church Minister in active retirement, having served congregations in the Riverina, Central West, Northwest Sydney and as a Chaplain with Uniting Communities. With his wife Christine, they have 12 grandchildren in Newcastle, Sydney, Darwin and Des Moines Iowa, and love spending time with them. He likes gardening. He is on Church Council at Adamstown UCA in the NSW/ACT Synod, where the church is developing an open and relational congregation, growing in numbers with younger age profile.