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Liturgical Date: Year C, UCA Anniversary, Sunday, 22nd June 2025

Presenter: Rev Prof Bill Loader

Focus Reading: John 17:1-11

Message 6 minutes 15 seconds

"Don't Lose the Ting!"

Discussion Starters

1. What caught YOUR interest in this presentation?
2. What has been YOUR experience of grappling with the oneness issue in yourself?
3. In what sense is YOUR church 'Uniting'? What is its "ting"?
4. How might the "ting" express itself on YOUR community including ecumenically?

Readings for this day

2 Chronicles 30:1-9 Leads up to an appeal for the People of Israel to come back to worship and acknowledge that God is kind and merciful and ready to accept you regardless of what has happened.

Psalms 100 The psalmist reminds us that a significant aspect of worshipping God is giving thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Ephesians 2:19-22 Through the bloodshed of Jesus Christ, the cracks in human relationships, the crevices that keep us estranged, and the chasms that keep persons divided are overcome.

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All Age Message: Rev Prof Bill Loader

"Magpie and the Babies"

Length 5 minutes 30 seconds

Precis of AAM

Magpies build nests in winter, lay eggs in spring and babies come in spring/summer. All very organised! Humans have babies anytime, any season. We are different- not the same. Birds do it their way and humans do it our way. Even when we are different - we all belong, we all matter. We all can co-exist together in harmony and love.

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 100 –page 321

Rev Prof Bill Loader

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