

Liturgical Date: Year C, Pentecost 9, Sunday, 10 August 2025

Presenter: Rev Dr Dean Drayton

Focus Reading: Luke 12:32-38

Message. 8 minutes 42 seconds **"The Kingdom Surprise"**

Discussion Starters

1. What is surprising about the sentence "it pleases God to give the kingdom of God to us?"
2. Why might it be helpful to work through where it is that I am investing my life and actions?
3. How does our congregation celebrate that it is not who we are, but where we now are?
4. How does a message of surprise about what we have discovered about God, open doors for conversations in the community?

Readings for this day

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 While holding out the possibility of forgiveness, God sees a people whose violence and unjust actions give lie to their empty worship.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 What does it mean to live by faith? After presenting us with a definition of faith- things hoped for but not seen- the author presents us with portraits of those who lived faithful lives.

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All Age Message: Rev Dr Dean Drayton "Being found"

Length 2 minutes 50 seconds

Precis of All Age Address

"She just didn't know where she was!" Knowing where we are and in whose arms we are held, makes all the difference and can turn away our worry.

In this evocative illustration, the Rev Dr Dean Drayton provides a beautiful image of what it means to live by faith as beloved children of God

Rev Dr Dean Drayton is a retired UCA minister, an explorer of the understanding of faith and an author. His recent book published is "The Ultimate Surprise: Surely the Lord is present and I did not know it." Published on [Amazon.com.au](https://www.amazon.com.au)