

Liturgical Date: Year C, Pentecost 13, Sunday, 7th September 2025

Presenter: Elliot Burns

Focus Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11

Message. 8 minutes 09 seconds **"Useful Christians"**

Discussion Starters

1. What does being a useful Christian mean for you?
2. What does your faith now have in common with your faith as a child or teenager?
3. What are some of the alternate useful tasks that your church needs to do?
4. How will your faith weave into the everyday life of your community?

Readings for this day

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 God's intimate knowledge of each person is praised in this witness to God's loving artistry.

Philemon 1-21 Paul's letter witnesses to his efforts to shape a forgiving and reconciling Christian community.

Luke 14:25-33 Jesus' words aim at shaping the hearts of his disciples to be totally committed to him by willingly accepting the cross.

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All Age Message: Catherine Beeton "Celebration of Creation"

Length 3 minutes 22 seconds

Precis of All Age Address

Catherine Beeton

Catherine reflects on the vastness and diversity of creation, from stars and mountains to flowers and animals, suggesting that words like wonderful, beautiful, and magnificent seem like very fitting words to describe the wonder of creation. We are encouraged to observe our own surroundings, reflect on the beauty of creation, and find our own words to describe it, remembering that it is our responsibility to care for creation.

Elliot Burns I live in Lambton with my wife, one of our adult sons & our dog. I am part of Jesmond Park Uniting church. I love playing & watching sport. My favourite exercise is riding my pushbike. I also enjoy practical tasks like the restoration of old cars. A 1960 Austin Healey Bugeye Sprite is my next challenge.

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