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Liturgical Date: Year C, Pentecost 15, Sunday, 21st September 2025

Presenter: Pastor Kim Langford

Focus Reading: Luke 16:1-13

Message. 13 minutes 30 seconds "Something Becomes Everything"

Discussion Starters

- 1. Why do you think Jesus told this parable?
- 2. Which parable character do you feel most drawn to/interested in? Is there a real-life situation you think this parable is relevant to today?
- **3.** What do you understand this parable to be saying about forgiveness, restitution, and grace and what do these virtues mean for our world today?
- 4. In what ways might you see yourself and your congregation as 'agents of life' in how you follow Jesus?

Readings for this day

Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1 The voces of Jeremiah and God are intertwined in this duet professing grief and heart sickness at the condition of Israel.

Psalm 79:1-9 1 The psalmist petitions for deliverance and help for the people whom the nations have devoured.

Timothy 2:1-7 The author call for people to pray for everyone, especially their leaders.

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All Age Message: Laraine Chegwidden "Caring for God's Creation"

Length 4 minutes 40 seconds

Precis of All Age Address

God lovingly created the world, filling it with beauty and life—from stars to animals to people—and entrusted humans to care for it. The story of *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein illustrates how people often take from nature without giving back, mirroring how we sometimes treat God's creation. The reflection concludes with a call to live in unity with creation and with God, showing care and responsibility for the world we've been given.

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