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CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH GOD, EACH OTHER AND THE COMMUNITY

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Liturgical Date: Year C, Pentecost 16, Sunday, 28th September 2025

Presenter: David Barrow

Focus Reading: All readings, especially 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Message. 11 minutes 30 seconds **"Take Hold of the Life That Really Is Life"**

"Church life as the centre of community action and solidarity"

Discussion Starters

1. What did you hear that appealed or engaged your sense of discipleship?
2. If your congregation asked *"What are the pressures on you and your family?"* in your community; what would you say?"
3. And what would/will you do about it?
4. What do you want to do next? Do you want to take the next step in learning more about how you and your faith community might be part of a larger organised effort of the Uniting Church or an Alliance for the common good?

Readings for this day

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 This passage is about God's determination and reliability.

Psalms 91:1-6,- The psalmist gives assurance of God's protection to those who live in the shelter of the Most High.

1 Timothy 6:6-19 This passage is directed towards those who have resources and are in danger of not sharing them with others.

Luke 16:19-31 This parable reminds us that messengers of God will come to us in the form of the poor.
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All Age Message: Maria Williams (compiler and co-ordinator)

Length 6 minutes 34 seconds

Precis of All Age Address – "Justice for the whole of Creation"

30 young people and 3 congregations have contributed to this thoughtful and insightful message.

Two groups of young people (7-12 years and 12-18 years) from Newcastle, were asked to express their visions for "a just world". These visions have been paired to visuals and accompanied with music. Our young people's responses demonstrate their compassion, understanding and depth. Thanks goes to the young people of New Lambton and Jesmond Park Congregations and to Paddington Uniting Church and the family of Paul Somerville who gave permission to use "Cherish Delicate Earth".

David Barrow is a member of New Lambton Uniting Church on Awabakal Country, after being at Leichhardt Uniting for 15 years, and a member of Christian Students Uniting before that. David grew up in the Anglican Diocese on the NSW Central Coast.

David has also served 9 years on the Uniting Church Synod of NSW & ACT Standing Committee. David joined the Uniting NSW.ACT Board in December 2023.

David has nearly 20 years of experience in community organising. David was the former Executive Officer of the NSW Community Alliance. David trains community organizers in community-alliances of faith, union and community across Australia, Aotearoa-New Zealand, British Columbia, Alberta, Montana, Washington State and Oregon.

David holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and International Studies from University of Technology Sydney (UTS). Previously, David was the President of the UTS Union Board, and both the NSW and then the National Union of Students. David is a committed Christian, member of the LGBTQIA+ community and a nostalgic "coastie".