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### ***Pentecost 21 Year C November 2nd***

**Presenter: Rev Allison Forrest**

**"How Long Lord?"**

**Focus Reading: Luke 19:1-10**    **Message:** 7 minutes 30 seconds

### **Discussion Starters**

1. What have you heard God saying to you through the Bible reading?
2. Recall a moment in your life when you have called out "How long?" to God.
3. In what ways does the church live as people who trust God's promise?
4. How could our church show and offer faith in the community?

### **Readings for this day**

**Luke 19:1-10** In Habakkuk God tells the prophet to station himself on the rampart. Zacchaeus, a wealthy social outcast, stationed himself where he could see Jesus. Jesus invites himself to dinner and Zacchaeus divested himself of wealth gained at the expense of others.

**Psalms 119:137-144** In the midst of troubles and anguish, God's reliable promises and guiding commandments are our delight.

**2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12** the author praises the Thessalonians for their steadfastness and faith during their persecutions and afflictions.

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### **All Age Message: Rev Allison Forrest**

**"When Jesus Met Zacchaeus"**

**Length:** 8 minutes 0 seconds

**Precis of AAM Reading "The little Man whose Heart Grew big" by Steph Williams.**

**Published by "Good book Company"**

This is a story about what happened when Jesus met a man named Zacchaeus. It is also a story about the people around Zacchaeus. I wonder what you see in their faces as this story unfolds... Look at the faces of the people standing behind Zacchaeus. I wonder what they are thinking and feeling?

**Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 119: 137-144 – pages 338 -339**

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