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Pentecost 19 Year A, October 4th

Presenter: Rev Geoff Smith

Focus Reading: Matthew 21:33-46

Message: 7minutes 15 seconds

"The Hard Road"

Discussion Starters

1. How do you respond to both this reading and my thoughts?
2. Can you see yourself in this passage? If so, where do you see yourself in this story?
3. How does this passage speak to your church?
4. Do you think it has anything to say to your local community? If yes, what?

Readings for this day

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 In the abbreviated version of the ten commandments, we learn the basics of God's Law. Yet even the Law is framed by the liberating grace of the God "who bought us out of Egypt" (v2).

Psalms 19 Here, the Psalmist hymns the same Sinai God whose glory is disclosed both in creation and law.

Phillipians 3: 4b-14 Paul sees the righteousness of God by faith as a surpassing gift. Though Paul values his life "under the law" (v6), through faith he presses on toward "the prize of God's upward call in Christ Jesus (v14).

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Intergenerational Talk

"God's Great Handiwork?"

Rev Geoff Smith

Length: 2 minutes 20 seconds

Precis of IT:

Geoff shares an extraordinary experience he has just had of seeing the great beauty of the world we live in, while doing the Camino Walk in North Spain. Our psalm this week talks of stopping and looking at all the wonder that is around us. Each of us has a place in God's creating and we are challenged to look, to listen and to love and to find God's purpose in this beautiful wherever we are.

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 18 - pages 255-256

Rev Geoff Smith

Been UCA whole adult life, started working for UCA in 1989 and exclusively since 2003. Traveller, nature lover, walker, music lover, stamp collector, Sydney Swans fanatic as well as Australian cricket teams. Loves living in a diverse and growing Parramatta – so very different to the place I grew up in!