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Pentecost 20 Year A, October 11th

Presenter: Rev Helen Richmond

Focus Reading: Philippians 4: 1-9

Message: 13 minutes 15 seconds

"Stand Firm."

Discussion Starters

1. In what ways have you heard God speak to you today?
2. How is God calling you to be less anxious and more prayerful?
3. What helps us 'stand firm' in challenging times? Share some examples.
4. What helps build the social fabric of our life together? How do we grow community that includes different backgrounds, personalities and options?

Readings for this day

Exodus 32: 1-14: God's people make an idol from their own gold. Moses persuades God to remember the ancestral promise to fore stall God's wrath.

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23 Though the psalmist recalls how God's people have been sinning from the get-go, the psalmist trusts God, who shows favour and delivers God's people, even from their idolatry.

Philippians 4:1-9 Paul makes an appeal to the church to move beyond disagreement. Paul reminds the Philippians to stand firm in the Lord and rejoice always. God's peace will be with them.

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Intergenerational Talk

"Belonging Together in God's Family "

Rev Helen Richmond

Length: 3 minutes 45 seconds

Precis of IT:

Learning about God is quite different to belonging to God's family. When we belong, we get to experience love and Jesus becomes like a light and a friend in our lives. Then when we find other friends, we can encourage them and they can help us too. When times are dark and scary, the light of Jesus is there to help us, then we can be his light to others when they need comforting.

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 106;1-6, 19-23 - pages 326-327

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