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.. CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH GOD, EACH OTHER AND THE COMMUNITY

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Pentecost 21 Year A, October 18th

Presenter: Rev Geoff Stevenson

Focus Reading: Exodus 33:12-23

Message: 6 minutes 48 seconds

"Veiled Beauty of the Sacred"

Discussion Starters

1. Where do you encounter the veiled beauty of God's Presence in your life?
2. How does the experience of God's presence challenge or inspire you?
3. How does your congregation encounter God and how are you changed by it?
4. In what ways does your encounter with God help you serve the wider community?

Readings for this day

Psalm 99 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.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Paul gives thanks for the faith of the Thessalonians to whom the gospel came not only in word but also in power and Spirit.

Matthew 22:15-22 A coalition seeks to trap Jesus with a question about paying taxes to the temple. Using their own coin, imprinted with Caesar's image/head, Jesus invites them to give everything that likewise bears God's image.

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Intergenerational Talk

"The Holy Shadow"

Rev Geoff Stevenson

Length: 2 minutes 15 seconds

Precis of IT:

Sometimes when we are disconnected to life, we miss the reality that God is with us. A new born baby with perfect engineering is a real gift from God, truly a miracle! In that birth, God is truly present. In so much of life God is present - and that's enough. Keep looking and recognising His/Her presence.

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 99 - pages 320-321

Rev Geoff Stevenson

I am currently the Chairperson-Mission Strategist of Parramatta-Nepean Presbytery and I enjoy playing saxophone (jazz), watching football (the real football – 'soccer') and support Western Sydney Wanderers. I enjoy walking through the bush and taking lots of photos of God's beautiful world. I am passionate about God's Mission of reconciliation on our world, seeking peace, justice, hope and love for all people.