

Liturgical Date: Year A, <i>Wilderness</i> Sunday, September 20th, 2020	
Presenter	David Chegwidden "Season of Creation" Month
Focus Reading	Joel 1:8-10,17-20 and Romans 8:18-27
Message	13 minutes 30 seconds
Discussion Starters	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 When you hear the word "wilderness", what does it mean to you? 2 When have you encountered or experienced the wilderness? Did it mean anything spiritually? 3 How can we as a church community understand the suffering, hopes, and yearnings of the world, the wilderness? 4 How can we share with our community ways to let the light come in?
Other Lectionary readings for the day	<p>Romans 8:18-27 Paul reminds us that as Christians we are led by the Holy Spirit, and our life in Christ gives us hope and patience to withstand and overcome the suffering that results from the vagaries of life.</p> <p>Matthew 4:1-11 Here in the wilderness temptation, Satan and Jesus establish the terms of the battle between good and evil: dependence, sovereignty, and worthiness to be worshipped.</p> <p>Psalms 105:1-6,37-45 In thanksgiving, the psalmist invites us to remember the mighty deeds of God, who remembers the desert promise and brings the people "out with rejoicing" (v43). <small>Excerpted from Abingdon's Theological Companion to the Lectionary, Year A. Copyright c2013 by Abingdon Press, an imprint of the United Methodist Publishing House. Used by permission. All rights reserved.)</small></p>
All Age Message:	Maria Williams
Approx. Length:	5 minutes 15 seconds
Precis of AAM	Our world's wilderness is becoming scarce. The native species need these areas – 10% of our mammal species have been lost. Worldwide, our land management is not working! The fate and condition of nature lies in the respect of the people who manage it. We are all part of the wilderness!

David Chegwidden

I worship at the Charlestown and Garden Suburb Multicentre Congregation, in The Hunter Presbytery where I am a member of the Church Council. I am a Lay Preacher and also on the Presbytery Property and Finance Committee. I have a very rewarding time with the playgroup run by our congregation at the Whitebridge Church Centre.

I have a daughter and 2 grandchildren living in Lismore and a son living and working in Sydney.

I am a member of the Windale Men's Shed in which I take an active part as a retired electrical tradesman.

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