

<b>Liturgical Date: Year A, Pentecost 20, October 18th, 2020</b>	
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Rev. Niall McKay</b>
<b>Focus Reading</b>	<b>Matthew 22:15-22</b>
<b>Message</b>	12 minutes 30 seconds    Title: <b>"Taxes and rules and empires: God's big picture"</b>
<b>Discussion Starters</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1 How often have you talked about personal finances at church or with other Christians? Has this been a comfortable conversation?</b></li> <li><b>2 The Church is often a place where rules have been highly valued. Can you think of times when breaking the rules has been the loving thing to do?</b></li> <li><b>3 The key insight in today's reading is: "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and give God the things that are God's." What are some of the things we have been giving the emperor that we should have been giving to God?</b></li> <li><b>4 Can a different fresh understanding of rules and justice open up conversations with people or groups in your community that the church has traditionally found too difficult to connect with?</b></li> </ol>
<b>Other Lectionary readings for the day</b>	<p><b>Exodus 33:12-23</b> Moses wants the Lord to assure him and the people of God's presence in their journey. God agrees, yet God's glorious presence cannot be managed or understood on purely human terms.</p> <p><b>Psalms 99</b> This hymn celebrates God's kingship, and yet acknowledges God's holiness.</p> <p><b>Thessalonians 1:1-10</b> Paul Gives thanks for the faith of the Thessalonians to whom the gospel came not only in word but also in power and Spirit.</p> <p><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>
<b>All Age Message:</b>	<b>Bec Westphal and family</b> Title: <b>"No Right Answer"</b>
<b>Approx. Length:</b>	4 minutes 20 seconds
<b>Precis of AAM</b>	A family situation is acted out and the 2 younger children are in trouble over a board game. It is consequently found to be an accident caused by the older brother, which he apologises for when he comes back from his music lesson. Initially there seemed to be no right answer. The question asked of Jesus today seemed to also have no right answer. Our actions must always be with love and justice.
	<b>See back of this Sheet for Music provided on this DVD.</b>
<b>Resources</b>	<b>Uniting in Worship (Blue Book)</b> Psalm 99, page 320
<b>Locations where the DVD will be used today</b>	Bogan Gate/Gunningbland, Eugowra, Oberon, Tongala, Berrigan, Rochester, Singleton Café Church, Wedderburn UCA.

