

Liturgical Date: Year B, Advent 2, December 6th, 2020

Presenter **Elliot Burns**

Focus Reading **Isaiah 40:1-11, Mark 1:1-8**

Message 7 minutes 20 seconds Title: **"Life's Journey"**

Discussion Starters

- 1 What was a memorable journey that you have been on?**
- 2 What have been some destinations in your faith journey (events that have shaped your faith)?**
- 3 Where would you say your church is on its journey & what is the next big destination for it?**
- 4 Where does your community need support in 2020?**

Other Lectionary readings for the day

Isaiah 40: 1-11 The prophet and a member of the heavenly council proclaim God's comfort to the people of Israel who have experienced God's absence as punishment for their sins. In response, the people prepare for God's coming presence.

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13 Even though the people now experience divine anger, the psalmist declares that God's favour will return. Favour forms a more basic part of God's nature than does wrath. The psalmist prepares the people to experience divine favour again.

2 Peter 3:8-15a The delay of the second manifestation of the risen Christ is an act of grace and patience. In anticipation of the manifestation of Christ, the church acts in holiness.

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All Age Message: Laraine Chegwidden Title: **"Are you ready for Christmas?"**

Approx. Length 5 minutes 45 seconds

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There is always so much preparation to be ready for Christmas. However, are you ready for Christ? John the Baptist wanted people to get ready in their hearts and lives. What does this mean? How do we clean our hearts? Well it means keeping all the good things in our hearts and getting rid of those things that are not good to nurture. We need to be doing regular clean-ups in our hearts just like we do in our house.

Resources **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book) Psalm 85:8-15a, page 308.**

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