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Liturgical Date: Year B, Christmas 2, January 3rd, 2021

Presenter Allison Forrest

Focus Reading John 1:1-18

Message 6 minutes 20 seconds **"Jesus is with us in grace and truth"**

Discussion Starters

1. What word or idea in the message stood out to you today?
2. Where do you see the presence of Jesus in your life, or in the world, today?
3. How can you help your church show more of God's grace and truth?
4. What might be God's word of wisdom for your community at this time?

Other Lectionary readings for the day

Jeremiah 31:7-14 The Lord is telling his people that soon he will be the God of all of the tribes of Israel. The text for today reveals all the wondrous things that will happen when the Israel people return home

Psalms 147:12-20 The Psalmist praises the one who is God Almighty. The people are assured of all the positive things he can do for them and has not done for any other nation as they do not know his laws.

Ephesians 1:3-14

This letter is a prayer for the church-to see an ambivalent, ambiguous reality: Christ's body, the church, is the fullness of him who fills all in all. We are not to put our hope in the church any more than God does, but with God's power working in it makes it a place where resurrection life happens. It is a broken place, but God has a hope for us.

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All Age Message Allison Forest **"God came to live with us"**

Approx. Length 5 minutes 20 seconds

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We hear the story from the book, "Song of the Stars" by Sally Lloyd-Jones, paintings by Alison Jay.

Resources **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book)** Psalm 147:12-20 page 354-355

Allison Forest

A 2nd year candidate for the ministry of Deacon in the UCA. Always lived in Sydney and spent most of my adult life in the inner city, before moving here to Centre for Ministry. I love the space and natural environment here, and enjoy walking in the nearby bush. I have been an early childhood teacher, mission worker, church and university administrator, and have qualifications in English, education, philosophy and TESOL. I was studying to be a librarian when God changed my life by calling me into formation! I love to learn and studying theology is definitely my happy place! I also enjoy practising yoga, singing, knitting, bushwalking, cooking (especially dinners for friends!), and learning to become a gardener.