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***Liturgical Date: Year B, Lent 5, 21st<sup>th</sup> March 2021***

**Presenter**                      **Stephen White**

**Focus Reading**                **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**Message**                      8 minutes 45 seconds    **“God’s New Agreement”**

**Discussion Starters**

1. What have you heard God saying to you today?
2. How close / intimate are you with God?
3. How is this closeness / intimacy with God experienced in your congregation?
4. What are ways your Congregation demonstrates to the community your closeness to God?

**Other Lectionary readings for the day**

**Psalm 51:1-12** The psalmist is unable to escape the memory and reality of sin and longs as well for restoration in body and spirit. Both remorse and forgiveness are visceral, the body longs to rejoice.

**Hebrews 5:5-10** Jesus human experience is divinely sustained and distinctly progressive. Suffering, praying and learning through obedience are no less crucial in our own formation.

**John 12: 20-33** Jesus is told by the disciples that the Greeks wish to “see Jesus”. Jesus responds as if it is a sign. The hour of Judgement and Glory, are one.

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**All Age Message**            Stephen White    **“From Death to Life”**

**Approx. Length**            3 minutes 45 seconds

**Precis of AAM** Australia has experienced horrendous bushfires in the last 18 months. Seeing the change from the devastated landscape as it comes back to life has some correlation to the events of Easter. Jesus knew terrible things were going to happen to him and then when he was raised from the tomb, new life came. If we trust God we can become new people too and this trust in Jesus will be very visible to others in the things that we do and are.

**Resources**                    **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book) Psalm 51:1-12, page 289-290**

**Stephen White**

I am married with 3 grown up children, two granddaughters and one grandson. I am a retired Railway Rolling Stock Engineer living in the Blue Mountains in NSW. My wife and I enjoy travelling around Australia and seeing other parts of God’s beautiful world. I am a Lay Preacher in the Leura Uniting Church. I have an interest in old cars and drive a 1976 Triumph Stag and enjoy spending time with other members of the car club. I am a member of the Rural Fire Service and the Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group.