

WEPC Lectionary Project: Union with Christ

In this 25th Anniversary year of West End Presbyterian Church, we are using the Scripture readings recommended by the Revised Common Lectionary as a framework for our corporate worship, and our personal and family devotion. The Lectionary gives us access to the whole counsel of Scripture and these texts are a means for us to grow in our understanding of our union with Christ.

WEPC Weekly Readings

To subscribe to a daily email of these readings, register online at wepc.org/lectionary.

February 10, 2019 | Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8, 9-13

Send Me

Psalm 138

His Purpose for David

I Corinthians 15:1-11

I Am the Least of the Apostles

Luke 5:1-11

You Will Be Catching Men

Reflection on SUN, February 10

Monday

Judges 5:1-11

Repeat the Righteous Triumphs of the LORD

I Corinthians 14:26-40

Decently and In Order

Tuesday

I Samuel 9:15-10:1b

The Call of Saul

II Timothy 3:1-9

Avoid Such People

Wednesday

Isaiah 8:1-15

Many Shall Stumble

Luke 5:27-32

Jesus Calls Levi

Daily

Psalm 115

The LORD has Remembered Us

Preparation for SUN, February 17

Thursday

Jeremiah 13:12-19

Be Not Proud

Acts 13:26-34

Good News Fulfilled

Friday

Jeremiah 13:20-27

How Long Will It Be Before You Are Made Clean?

I Peter 1:17-2:1

You Have Been Born Again

Saturday

Jeremiah 17:1-4

The Sin of Judah

Luke 11:24-28

Hear & Keep

Daily

Psalm 1

Fruit & Chaff

Pastor's Note

Dear Ones,

The story of Jesus telling Peter he will become a fisher of men seems quite quaint to us. However, it is remarkably disruptive. Peter and his friends are at work and Jesus takes over their workplace and their primary means of making a living to teach the crowd gathered on the shore.

It is as if Jesus showed up at your office and took over.

Maybe that wouldn't be such a bad thing...

Warmly, Steve

Sunday Worship Services: 9 AM and 10:30 AM Children's Sunday School: 9 AM

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Preparation for Worship & Communion

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

In the Christian year, we are now in the season of Epiphany. Epiphany is a time that helps us to remember Jesus as the long awaited Hebrew Messiah and His mission to the nations. Epiphany has a particular focus on Jesus as the Light of the World and "God with us," and the Church's role in proclaiming that Jesus is Lord.

THE CATCH

"As to the meaning of the metaphor fishers of men [Luke 5:10]... the allusion which Christ made to fishing, when He spoke of the preaching of the Gospel, was appropriate: for men stray and wander in the world, as in a great and troubled sea, till they are gathered by the Gospel."

- John Calvin

"[Simon Peter's] encounter with God's power is no reason to shrink back from Him, but an opportunity to approach Him on the right basis, with faith and dependence. In catching fish, Jesus has caught Simon Peter. The mission is to catch persons alive."

- Darrel L. Bock

Call to Worship

Revelation 15:3-4

The First Word

Because we believe God initiates with sinners, we begin worship with His Word: His invitation to us to gather in His name. Great and amazing are Your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations!

Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name?

For You alone are holy.

All nations will come and worship You.

For Your righteous acts have been revealed.

Invocation

Song of Adoration

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" – Revelation 4:8 Text: Reginald Heber (1826) Tune: NICAEA (Dykes)

Welcome

Visitors, we are glad you are here. Following the service, please join Pastor Steve Shelby for coffee in the Gallery.

OLD Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

And I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Ministry of Prayer

I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise;

Psalm 138. Of David.

I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness,

For You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word.

On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul You increased.

All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of Your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the LORD is high, He regards the lowly, but the haughty He knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
You preserve my life;
You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and Your right hand delivers me.

The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of Your hands.

Pray for Our Church, Our City, and the World. This week:

- For West End Presbyterian Church: That the Lord would give us grace & courage to trust His loving purpose for us.
- For Metropolitan Richmond: That God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. For heathy economic development that is a blessing to the common welfare of Metro Richmond. For all businesses, employers, and employees. For the unemployed.
- For the country of Jamaica, and for WEPC Mission Partners Chris & Janna Lee serving the deaf community with SIM.

Offering

The offering isn't just about money. Our response to the Gospel goes much deeper—God demands our whole selves. The act of giving in worship is a part of offering ourselves as "living sacrifices" to God (Rom. 12:1).

If you missed today's offering and wish to give, or if you would like to submit your tear-off, the elders at the front of the sanctuary who are available for prayer following the service will be glad to receive them.

Song of Praise

STEADFAST

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. – Psalm 136:1

Sandra McCracken, Leslie Jordan, & Josh Silverberg (with adaptations from Henri Nouwen) ©2016 Drink Your Tea Music Used by permission. CCLI #: 708363 1. I will build my house Whether storm or drought On the rock that does not move. I will set my hope in your love, O Lord, And your faithfulness will prove You are steadfast, steadfast.

2. By the word you spoke
All the starry host
Are called out by name each night.
In your watchful care I will rest secure,
As you lead us with your light.
You are steadfast, steadfast.

3. I will not trust
In the strength of kings,
On your promise I will stand.
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice,
Hallelujah to the Lamb!
You are steadfast, steadfast.

CHILDREn'S WORSHIP (10:30 AM)

During the 10:30 AM service, children (pre-K to second grade) are dismissed for Children's Worship. See p.14 for more information.

Scripture Reading

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ² and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5 And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." 6 And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷ They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." 9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." 11 And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Luke 5:1-11

Sermon

A Worship Guide with sermon notes and recordings is posted each Sunday at wepc.org/sermons.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

I Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Prayer of Confession

Confession & Encouragement

Often we find that our hearts are worshipping something other than God. In confessing our sins, the Holy Spirit probes our hearts and minds and graciously shows us what we mistakenly believe will give us life. Jesus is good to lead us from sorrow over our sin to the sweetness of His grace.

Holy Lord,
You come to us, but we do not recognize You;
You call, but we are slow to follow;
You command, but we negotiate instead of obey;
You bless, but we have not thanked You;
You love, but we have not loved You;
You forgive, but we have not forgiven those who wrong us;
You send, but we have given our all to our own mission;
You serve, but we have avoided the poor and needy;
You suffered, but we have sought a life apart from You.

Forgive us our sin, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Encouragement

Psalm 130:3-4

If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O LORD, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

West End Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin and heart-idols, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the Gospel to participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us.

Wine is in the outer ring of the communion tray, grape juice is in the inner rings. All bread is gluten-free.

Please come forward as you are ready to participate in the Lord's Supper individually, with a friend, or as a family.

If you need special assistance and are not able to come forward for Communion, raise your hand and we will come to you at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper.

Elders & Deacons are glad to pray for your children who have not yet become communing members. If your child is ready to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, please mark today's tear-off or contact the WEPC office.

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT TRANSFORMS US BY HIS GRACE

Songs of Response to God's Grace

ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOR LEADS ME

- 1. All the way my Savior leads me, Who have I to ask beside? How could I doubt His tender mercy, Who through life has been my guide?
- 2. All the way my Savior leads me, Cheers each winding path I tread, Gives me grace for every trial, Feeds me with the living Bread.
 - You lead me and keep me from falling, You carry me close to Your heart, And surely Your goodness and mercy will follow me.

- 3. All the way my Savior leads me,O, the fullness of His love!O, the sureness of His promiseIn the triumph of His blood.
- 4. And when my spirit clothed immortal, Wings its flight to realms of day This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way.

"He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake." – Psalm 23:3
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JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN

- 1. Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee; Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my All shall be. Perish ev'ry fond ambition, All I've sought or hoped or known; Yet how rich is my condition, God and heav'n are still my own.
- 2. Let the world despise and leave me, They have left my Savior, too; Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like man, untrue; And while Thou shalt smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might, Foes may hate and friends may shun me; Show Thy face and all is bright.
- 3. Man may trouble and distress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast; Life with trials hard may press me, Heav'n will bring me sweeter rest. O, 'tis not in grief to harm me While Thy love is left to me; O, 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

- 4. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, Come disaster, scorn and pain In Thy service, pain is pleasure, With Thy favor, loss is gain I have called Thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on Thee Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; All must work for good to me.
- 5. Soul, then know thy full salvation, Rise o'er sin and fear and care. Joy to find in every station, Something still to do or bear. Think what Spirit dwells within thee, Think what Father's smiles are thine, Think that Jesus died to win thee, Child of heaven, canst thou repine.
- 6. Haste thee on from grace to glory, Armed by faith, and winged by prayer. Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there. Soon shall close thy earthly mission, Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days, Hope shall change to glad fruition, Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." – Mark 8:34 Text: Henry Lyte (1824) Tune: Bill Moore (2001) © 2001 Bill Moore Music Used by permission. CCLI #708363

BEHOLD OUR GOD

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand? Kings and nations tremble at His voice, All creation rises to rejoice:

Behold our God, seated on His throne, Come let us adore Him! Behold our King! Nothing can compare, Come let us adore Him! Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words? Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands Bearing all the guilt of sinful man? God Eternal humbled to the grave; Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

[&]quot;Behold your God!" – Isaiah 40:9 Meghan Baird, Jonathan Baird, Stephen Altrogge, Ryan Baird © 2011 Sovereign Grace Worship Used by permission. CCLI #: 706383

Doxology



"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD." – Psalm 150:6

Text: Thomas Ken (1709) Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (Bourgeois, 1551)

What does "doxology" mean? It's a word derived from two Greek words meaning "glory" and "word." A doxology, then, is a spoken word or song that ascribes glory to God. Today's doxology calls all of creation to praise God as the source of all blessing and acknowledges His Trinitarian (three-in-one) nature.

Benediction

The Last Word

God always has the last word in our worship. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing.

After the service, the Elders are available at the front of the sanctuary to pray with you or for you, and to answer questions about the sermon or West End Presbyterian Church.

Pastor Steve Shelby preached today's sermon. **Pastor Kevin Greene** led worship. Music was led by **WEPC Elder Chris Newlin** along with Erin Bouknight, Mark Schairbaum, Tiffanie Chan, Buddy Miner, Donald Smith, and Troy Arnold.