

# West End

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# WEPC Lectionary Project: Union with Christ

In this 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://wepc.org/lectionary).

### June 23, 2019 | Second Sunday After Pentecost: Ordinary Time

Isaiah 65:1-9

*The LORD is Judge*

Psalms 22:19-28

*The LORD is King*

Galatians 3:23-29

*You Were Baptized into Christ*

Luke 8:26-39

*Jesus Casts Out Demons*

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### Reflection on Sunday, June 23

#### Monday

Job 18:1-21

*Wickedness*

I Corinthians 1:18-31

*Wisdom & Strength*

#### Tuesday

Job 19:1-22

*Broken*

Ephesians 2:11-22

*One New Man*

#### Wednesday

Ezekiel 32:1-10

*Like a Dragon Destroyed*

Luke 9:37-43a

*Jesus Rebuked the Unclean Spirit*

#### Daily

Psalms 64

*Preserve My Life*

### Preparation for Sunday, June 30

#### Thursday

Leviticus 9:22-10:11

*Fire Consumed*

II Corinthians 13:5-10

*Examine Yourself*

#### Friday

II Kings 1:1-16

*Fire Came Down*

Galatians 4:8-20

*How Can You Turn Back Again*

#### Saturday

Deuteronomy 32:15-27, 39-43

*A Fire is Kindled by My Anger*

Luke 9:21-27

*Profit & Loss*

#### Daily

Psalms 16

*You Are My Lord*

# PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Ones,

How powerful are you? In our high moments, you and I can feel very powerful. But in our low moments, or even in our mundane ones, we can feel very UNpowerful.

How powerful is Jesus? When Jesus cast out those demons from the Gerasene man in today's text, He spoke as someone with ultimate authority. He did not pray to the Father in this instance. He did not command the demon based upon an incantation or a special object or a magical formula. Jesus' word is powerful enough. In fact, His words are not even recorded here. The demons just leave based upon the will of Jesus.

Do you know this type of power? If you believe in Jesus, then this power is available to you.

Warmly,  
Joe Brown

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

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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & Communion

### **Second Sunday after**

### **Pentecost: Ordinary Time**

We are now in the season after Pentecost, known as "Ordinary Time." Having celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church at Pentecost, Ordinary

Time signals the interim of the Church until Christ comes again in glory. Jesus is faithfully advancing His Kingdom in the power of His Spirit in this season. We anticipate the consummation of all things when Christ comes in His glory as King of all.

### **HOW MUCH JESUS HAD DONE FOR HIM**

"My song is love unknown,  
My Savior's love to me;  
Love to the loveless shown,  
That they might lovely be."

– Samuel Crossman, 1664

"A legion of demons has been, as I believed, cast out of me. I would prefer merely to forget all of this that I have known and simply rest at the feet of the Savior. But lo it is said to me, so strongly as to compel me against my will, 'Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how He has had mercy on you'."

– Gregory the Great, 6th century

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Galatians 3:26-29*

### **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.

In Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.  
For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

**There is neither Jew nor Greek,  
there is neither slave nor free,  
there is no male and female,  
for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**

And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring,  
heirs according to promise.

## INVOCATION

# SONG OF ADORATION

## THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

1. The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3. 'Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,  
4. Yet she on earth hath u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is His new cre - a - tion, by wa - ter and the word:  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - e - ver - more,  
and my - stic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won:

from heaven He came and sought her to be His ho - ly bride;  
one ho - ly name she bles - ses, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.  
and to one hope she pres - ses with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with Thee.

*"For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." – 1 Corinthians 3:11*

*Text: Samuel J. Stone (1866) Tune: AURELIA (S. Wesley, 1864)*

## Welcome

*Visitors, we are glad you are here. Following the service, please join Pastor Joe Brown for coffee in the Gallery.*

# OLD Testament Reading

*Isaiah 65:1-9*

I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me;  
I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.  
I said, "Here I am, here I am,"  
to a nation that was not called by my name.  
I spread out my hands all the day  
to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices;  
a people who provoke me  
to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens  
and making offerings on bricks;  
who sit in tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat pig's flesh,  
and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels;  
who say, "Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."  
These are a smoke in my nostrils,  
a fire that burns all the day.  
Behold, it is written before me:  
"I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
I will indeed repay into their lap  
both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together,  
says the LORD;  
because they made offerings on the mountains  
and insulted me on the hills,  
I will measure into their lap  
payment for their former deeds."  
Thus says the LORD:  
"As the new wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, 'Do not destroy it,  
for there is a blessing in it,'  
so I will do for my servants' sake,  
and not destroy them all.  
I will bring forth offspring from Jacob,  
and from Judah possessors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall possess it,  
and my servants shall dwell there.

# MINISTRY OF PRAYER

You, O LORD, do not be far off!

O You my help, come quickly to my aid!

*Psalm 22:19, 26-28*

**The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek Him shall praise the Lord!**

May your hearts live forever!

**All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before You.**

For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and He rules over the nations.

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

- For West End Presbyterian Church: For grace to call upon the Lord for help.
- Pray for the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond: For all who volunteer as ministers of the Gospel in jails and prisons. For victims of violent crime.
- For the country of Jamaica: For WEPC Mission Partners Chris and Janna Lee as they serve with Serving In Mission at the Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf in Kingston, Jamaica.

## OFFERING

*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.*

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).

# SONG OF PRAISE

## HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

1. The splendor of the King  
Clothed in majesty—  
Let all the earth rejoice,  
Let all the earth rejoice!

He wraps Himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at His voice,  
And trembles at His voice:

*How great is our God!  
Sing with me:  
How great is our God!  
All will see how great,  
How great is our God!*

2. Age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End,  
Beginning and the End.

The Godhead three-in-one:  
Father, Spirit, Son;  
The Lion and the Lamb,  
The Lion and the Lamb:

*Name above all names,  
Worthy of all praise,  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God!*

*“You are clothed with splendor and majesty.” – Psalm 104:1*

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## 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.15 for more information.*



## SCRIPTURE Reading

<sup>26</sup> Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." <sup>29</sup> For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

*Luke 8:26-39*

<sup>34</sup> When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

## Sermon

*A Worship Guide with sermon notes and recordings is posted each Sunday at [wepc.org/sermons](http://wepc.org/sermons).*

# PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Luke 22:7-8, 14-20, 29-30*

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. And He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." After taking the cup, He gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

"And I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom."

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*from The Valley of Vision,  
"God and Myself"*

### **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.

**Lord God Almighty, Your understanding is unsearchable and infinite, Your arm cannot be bound. Holy is Your wisdom, power, mercy, ways, works.**

**How can I stand before You with my numberless offenses? I have often loved darkness, indulged in vanity, forsaken Your mercy, fled from Your beloved Son, mocked Your providences, flattered You with my prayers, broken Your covenant. It is only in light of Your compassion that I am not consumed.**

**At the Cross may I see the evil of sin, and hate it. May I look on Him whom I pierced, as One slain for me, and by me. May I never despise His death through unbelief. And whatever cross I am required to bear, let me see Jesus suffering mine.**

## WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*Romans 5:6,8*

At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

# 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.*

# Songs of Response to God's Grace

## HIS MERCY IS MORE

*"Praise be to the Lord, for he has heard my cry for mercy." – Psalm 28:6*

1. What love could re-mem-ber no wrongs we have done? Om -  
 pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What  
 rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His

ni - scient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown  
 Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He  
 blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We

in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore,  
 wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor.  
 stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford.

Our sins, they are ma - ny; His mer - cy is more. What

Praise the Lord His mer - cy is

more. Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn Our

sins, they are ma - ny; His mer - cy is more.

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## HEAL US, EMMANUEL

*Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are—  
We long to feel Thy touch.  
Deep, wounded souls to Thee we fly;  
O Savior, hear our cry!*

1. Our faith is feeble, we confess.  
We faintly trust Thy Word.  
But will You pity us the less?  
Be that far from You Lord!
2. Remember him who once applied,  
With trembling, for relief  
“Lord, I believe,” with tears he cried  
“O help my unbelief!”
3. She, too, who touched You in the press  
And healing virtue stole  
Was answered, “Daughter, go in peace  
Thy faith has made thee whole.”
4. Like her, with hopes and fears we come  
To touch You if we may.  
O send us not despairing home  
Send none unhealed away.

## BREAK EVERY CHAIN

There is power in the name of Jesus  
There is power in the name of Jesus  
There is power in the name of Jesus  
To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain  
To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain

All sufficient sacrifice  
So freely given, such a price  
Bought our redemption  
Heaven’s gates swing wide

*“Daughter, your faith has  
made you well; go in peace.”  
– Luke 8:48*

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*“At the name of Jesus every  
knee should bow”  
– Philippians 2:10*

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# 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 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.

Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures  
here be - low Praise Him a - bove ye heavn - ly host; Praise  
Fa - ther Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

# 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 Joe Brown** preached today's sermon. **WEPC Elder Richard Campbell** led worship. Music was led by **Worship Arts Directors Taylor Barnett & Tiffanie Chan**, along with Robin Huff, Sonya Smith, Tyler Pease, Donald Smith, and Luke Smith.