



WEPC Lectionary Project: *Union with Christ*

West End Presbyterian Church is using the Scripture readings recommended by the Revised Common Lectionary as a framework for our corporate worship and our personal and family devotion. This project is part of WEPC's 25th Anniversary Year and will run from December 2018 through November 2019. 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.

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Sunday, March 31, 2019

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

[Joshua 5:9-12](#) *No Longer Manna, Fruit*

[Psalm 32](#) *You Preserve Me*

[II Corinthians 5:16-21](#) *Be Reconciled to God*

[Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32](#) *Lost & Found*

Monday, April 1, 2019

[Psalm 53](#) *Oh, That Salvation Would Come*

[Leviticus 23:26-41](#) *Days of Atonement & Feasting*

[Revelation 19:1-8](#) *Marriage Feast of the Lamb*

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

[Psalm 53](#) *Oh, That Salvation Would Come*

[Leviticus 25:1-19](#) *Promised Rest & Jubilee*

[Revelation 19:9-10](#) *Blessed Are Those*

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

[Psalm 53](#) *Oh, That Salvation Would Come*

[II Kings 4:1-7](#) *You and Your Sons Can Live*

[Luke 9:10-17](#) *They All Ate and Were Satisfied*

Thursday, April 4, 2019

[Psalm 126](#) *Restore Our Fortunes, O LORD*

[Isaiah 43:1-7](#) *I Am With You*

[Philippians 2:19-24](#) *Paul Sends Timothy*

Friday, April 5, 2019

[Psalm 126](#) *Restore Our Fortunes, O LORD*

[Isaiah 43:8-15](#) *Witnesses*

[Philippians 2:25-3:1](#) *So Receive Him*

Saturday, April 6, 2019

[Psalm 126](#) *Restore Our Fortunes, O LORD*

[Exodus 12:21-27](#) *It is the Sacrifice of the LORD's Passover*

[John 11:45-57](#) *The Passover Plot*

The Great Exchange

This week, Steve Shelby preached on [II Corinthians 5:16-21](#)

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

- "I look forward to walking with you on the road of sorrows this second half of Lent, as we approach the one enduring Joy: Jesus and His resurrection." (*Christopher Esget*)
- Real joy comes when we look at the question, "Can I change?"
- Joy comes from the answer: "Maybe some, but I can be changed."
- "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation" (17). "Anyone" means anyone.
- What is new? What is new is that we are now "the righteousness of God" (21).
- "What the Bible says about the end is that God is Alpha and Omega. So God is the one who began everything, and God is the one who will finish everything. He will consummate it. The Lord Jesus will return in heavenly glory. He'll gather his saints to him, and raise them from the dead, and raising them from the dead, he'll bring about a whole renovation of the cosmos. All that curse will be removed: no more crying, no more pain. The first things have passed away. It reads in [Revelation 21:4](#), 'The first things have passed away'. The Lord will bring to final fulfillment everything that he's now begun in Jesus Christ. In Christ, we're already alive from the dead. In Christ, we're already justified. In Christ, the power of sin has been broken." (*Dr. Howard Griffith*)
- "It means being completely taken over. To become the righteousness of God is a transformation only God could do. This is not a process that God begins in us and then steps aside to observe how we will respond. This change in status is what leads to change in life." (*Fleming Rutledge*)
- All this is from God. We should read "God" as the work of the whole Trinity.
- What does it mean that "He became sin" (21)?
- "We see that the great exchange made by Christ on the cross as our substitute was a descent into perdition for him, a deliverance from condemnation for us. We see this in his cry from the cross. Jesus apparently felt the full force of utter separation from the Father. That is what he underwent in order to remake our human nature- not to improve it, not to accept it, not even to perfect it, but to recreate it completely." (*Fleming Rutledge*)

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