



## 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, May 12, 2019

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

[Acts 9:36-43](#) *He Presented Her Alive*

[Psalm 23](#) *My Shepherd*

[Revelation 7:9-17](#) *The Lamb is their Shepherd*

[John 10:22-30](#) *My Sheep*

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### Monday, May 13

[Psalm 100](#) *We Are His*

[Ezekiel 37:15-28](#) *One Shepherd*

[Revelation 15:1-4](#) *The Song of the Lamb*

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### Tuesday, May 14

[Psalm 100](#) *We Are His*

[Ezekiel 45:1-9](#) *The LORD's Promised Sanctuary*

[Acts 9:32-35](#) *Jesus Christ Heals You*

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### Wednesday, May 15

[Psalm 100](#) *We Are His*

[Jeremiah 50:17-20](#) *I Will Restore*

[John 10:31-42](#) *The Father & the Son*

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### Thursday, May 16

[Psalm 148](#) *Praise the LORD*

[Ezekiel 2:8-3:11](#) *Eat the Scroll*

[Revelation 10:1-11](#) *Eat the Scroll*

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### Friday, May 17

[Psalm 148](#) *Praise the LORD*

[Daniel 7:13-14](#) *An Everlasting Dominion*

[Revelation 11:15](#) *He Shall Reign Forever*

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### Saturday, May 18

[Psalm 148](#) *Praise the LORD*

[Daniel 7:27](#) *The Kingdom and The Dominion*

[Revelation 11:16-19](#) *Begun to Reign*

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## **You Are With Me**

*This week, Steve Shelby preached on [Psalm 23](#). A Psalm of David.*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters,

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

forever.

### [The Anti-Psalm 23, David Powlison](#)

I'm on my own. No one looks out for me or protects me. I experience a continual sense of need. Nothing's quite right. I'm always restless. I'm easily frustrated and often disappointed. It's a jungle — I feel overwhelmed. It's a desert — I'm thirsty. My soul feels broken, twisted, and stuck. I can't fix myself. I stumble down some dark paths. Still, I insist: I want to do what I want, when I want, how I want. But life's confusing. Why don't things ever really work out? I'm haunted by emptiness and futility — shadows of death. I fear the big hurt and final loss. Death is waiting for me at the end of every road, but I'd rather not think about that. I spend my life protecting myself. Bad things can happen. I find no lasting comfort. I'm alone ... facing everything that could hurt me. Are my friends really friends? Other people use me for their own ends. I can't really trust anyone. No one has my back. No one is really for me — except me. And I'm so much all about ME, sometimes it's sickening. I belong to no one except myself. My cup is never quite full enough. I'm left empty. Disappointment follows me all the days of my life. Will I just be obliterated into nothingness? Will I be alone forever, homeless, free-falling into void? Sartre said, "Hell is other people." I have to add, "Hell is also myself." It's a living death, and then I die.

The anti-psalm tells what life feels like and looks like whenever God vanishes from sight.

... Something bad gets last say when whatever you live for is not God.

It only becomes your reality when you construct your reality from a lie

Right at the outset of the Psalm we declare who we are and to Whom we belong.

Note the shift from verses 1-3 to 4-6. Why the shift?

- Dark valleys: How did I get here? Why am I here? "He leads me...Rod and staff"?
- "I shall not want"?
- God hosts a party/enemies
- The ultimate goal of God for me.

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