



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 19, 2019

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

[Acts 11:1-18](#) *What God has Made Clean*

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

[Revelation 21:1-6](#) *All Things New*

[John 13:31-35](#) *As I Have Loved*

Monday, May 20

[Psalm 133](#) *Dwell in Unity*

[I Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42](#) *The LORD Between*

[Acts 11:19-26](#) *The Lord was With Them*

Tuesday, May 21

[Psalm 133](#) *Dwell in Unity*

[II Samuel 1:4-27](#) *My Brother, Jonathan*

[Acts 11:27-30](#) *The Disciples Determined*

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

[Psalm 133](#) *Dwell in Unity*

[Leviticus 19:9-18](#) *Love Your Neighbor*

[Luke 10:25-28](#) *Love Your Neighbor*

Thursday, May 23

[Psalm 67](#) *Let the Nations be Glad*

[Proverbs 2:1-5](#) *Incline Your Heart to Understanding*

[Acts 15:36-41](#) *A Sharp Disagreement*

Friday, May 24

[Psalm 67](#) *Let the Nations be Glad*

[Proverbs 2:6-8](#) *The LORD Gives Wisdom*

[Acts 16:1-8](#) *Paul Wanted Timothy to Accompany Him*

Saturday, May 25

[Psalm 67](#) *Let the Nations be Glad*

[Proverbs 2:9-15](#) *Wisdom Will Come Into Your Heart*

[Luke 19:1-10](#) *Today Salvation Has Come to This House*

Praise Him

This week, Steve Shelby preached on [Psalm 148](#).

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!

³ Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD!
For he commanded and they were created.

⁶ And he established them forever and ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,

⁸ fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling his word!

⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰ Beasts and all livestock,
creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹² Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him.

Praise the LORD!

- Psalm 148 begins with a call to worship God the Creator from the heavens. Then it works itself down to Angels, Hosts Sun & Moon, Stars, the Earth, the Sea & all that is in it, the Weather, Mountains, Trees, Beasts, Livestock, Creepers, Birds, Kings, Princes, Rulers, and the Young and the Old.
- The foundation of our faith is found in these words, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" ([Genesis 1:1](#)).
- In the [Apostles' Creed](#), we begin by saying, "I believe in the God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth." Everything in the universe that is not God is a created thing.
- All of this was done by His Word, "He commanded and they were created" (5). God addresses His command to nothingness-- and it obeys.
- Not only does the Bible say God created by His Word, He upholds it by His Word. "He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high" ([Hebrews 1:3](#)).
- God owns everything and everyone. Everything exists for God and His glory.
- But the pinnacle of our relationship with God is not that we are created and belong to Him but, His redeeming love. "He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel, who are near to him" (14).

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,
as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;
to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,
the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
in holiness and righteousness before him all our days." ([Luke 1:68-75](#))