



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, June 2, 2019

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

[Acts 16:16-34](#) *He Was Baptized At Once*

[Psalm 97](#) *All the Peoples See His Glory*

[Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21](#) *The Water of Life*

[John 17:20-26](#) *I In Them and You In Me*

Monday, June 3

[Psalm 29](#) *All Cry, "Glory!"*

[Exodus 40:16-38](#) *The Glory of the LORD filled the Tabernacle*

[Acts 16:35-40](#) *Glory in God, not Man*

Tuesday, June 4

[Psalm 29](#) *All Cry, "Glory!"*

[II Chronicles 5:2-14](#) *The Glory of the LORD filled the House of God*

[Acts 26:19-29](#) *Glory in the Gospel*

Wednesday, June 5

[Psalm 29](#) *All Cry, "Glory!"*

[Ezekiel 3:12-21](#) *The Glorious LORD Commissions Ezekiel*

[Luke 9:18-27](#) *When He Comes in His Glory*

Thursday, June 6, 2019

[Psalm 104:24-35](#) *You Renew*

[Isaiah 32:11-17](#) *Until the Spirit is Poured Upon Us*

[Galatians 5:16-25](#) *Keep in Step with the Spirit*

Friday, June 7

[Psalm 104:24-35](#) *You Renew*

[Isaiah 44:1-4](#) *I Will Pour my Spirit Upon Your Offspring*

[Galatians 6:7-10](#) *The One Who Sows to the Spirit*

Saturday, June 8

[Psalm 104:24-35](#) *You Renew*

[II Kings 2:1-15](#) *The Spirit Rests on Elisha & Elijah*

[Luke 1:5-17](#) *John Will be Filled with the Holy Spirit*

A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of June 2, 2019

"I Am Coming Soon"

This week, Steve Shelby preached on [Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21](#)

¹²"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." ¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates....

¹⁶"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." ¹⁷The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price....

20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

- For most of us the Biblical promise that Jesus Himself gives (12a, "Behold, I am coming soon") is rarely in our hearts and minds. Certainly, the thought that Jesus is coming to judge the living and the dead, those living in the cemetery and those only visiting, seems archaic, too Old Testament, remote and frankly, a little scary: "...bringing my recompense with me to repay each one for what he has done" (12b).
- This is magnified by the next phrase, "Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates" (14)
- I think three things keep us from the eager anticipation of glory: Our own judgmentalism, our own comfort, and our own lack of assurance that our robes have been washed.
 - Judgmentalism: I am eager to point out that that thing or person over there needs to be judged and set right, without equal desire to see myself set right.
 - Comfort: Do you have, as C.S. Lewis wrote, "a desire which no natural happiness will satisfy"? Do you feel like you are on the wrong side of the door to another world? These words are written to sufferers.
 - Lack of Assurance: Judgment and recompense and the great rectifying work of Jesus ought to scare you if you are not washed. Judgment cost Jesus His life.
- This keeps us from crying out with these closing words of the Bible, "Come, Lord Jesus" (20)
- Just as it took the coming of Christ into our world and our flesh to redeem us, it will take the second coming of Christ to not just push back the darkness but to eradicate it.
- Until that time, we play hopeful and joyful whack-a-mole. If it takes the apocalypse to eradicate the darkness, why do anything?
- "And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts" ([II Peter 1:19](#)). We do things in faith and obedience to Jesus that point to Him and the glorious future He will bring about.
- "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed" ([I Corinthians 15:52](#))
- "Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him" ([Revelation 1:7](#)).
- "Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" ([Philippians 2:10-11](#)).
- The impossible will come to pass.

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