



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.

To learn more and subscribe to a daily email of Daily Scripture Readings, visit www.wepc.org/lectionary.

Sunday, September 22, 2019

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Ordinary Time

[Amos 8:4-7](#) *You Who Trample on the Needy*

[Psalm 113](#) *He Raises the Poor from the Dust*

[I Timothy 2:1-7](#) *Who Gave Himself*

[Luke 16:1-13](#) *No Servant Can Serve Two Masters*

Monday, September 23

[Psalm 12](#) *Save, O LORD*

[Proverbs 14:12-31](#) *A Way That Seems Right*

[Acts 4:1-12](#) *Salvation in No One Else*

Tuesday, September 24

[Psalm 12](#) *Save, O LORD*

[Proverbs 17:1-5](#) *Will Share the Inheritance*

[I Corinthians 9:19-23](#) *For the Sake of the Gospel*

Wednesday, September 25

[Psalm 12](#) *Save, O LORD*

[Proverbs 21:10-16](#) *Gifts & Justice*

[Luke 20:45-21:4](#) *Honor & Poverty*

Thursday, September 26

[Psalm 146](#) *Help & Hope*

[Proverbs 22:2-16](#) *Rich & Poor*

[II Corinthians 8:8-15](#) *Rich & Poor*

Friday, September 27

[Psalm 146](#) *Help & Hope*

[Proverbs 28:3-10](#) *Shame & Generosity*

[Ephesians 2:1-10](#) *Wrath & Mercy*

Saturday, September 28

[Psalm 146](#) *Help & Hope*

[Proverbs 28:11-28](#) *Least & Greatest*

[Luke 9:43b-48](#) *Least & Greatest*

I Am With You Always

This week, Pastor Santos Buendia, WEPC's visiting Theologian in Residence from Peru, preached from [Matthew 28:16-20](#).

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

One night I dreamed a dream.

As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.
After the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
there was only one set of footprints.
This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,
You'd walk with me all the way.
But I noticed that during the saddest
and most troublesome times of my life,
there was only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most,
You would leave me."
He whispered, "My precious child,
I love you and will never leave you
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."

I Kings 19:1-9

Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. **So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them."** **Elijah was afraid and ran for his life.** When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. **"I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors."** Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. There he went into a cave and spent the night.

Isaiah 41:9-10

I took you from the ends of the earth,
from its farthest corners I called you.
I said, 'You are my servant';
I have chosen you and have not rejected you.
So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

John 14:18-23

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them." Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."

Joshua 1:5

No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

Hebrews 13:5-6

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,
"Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you."
So we say with confidence,
"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?"