



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, October 6, 2019

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: Ordinary Time

[Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4](#) *The Righteous Shall Live By His Faith*

[Psalm 37:1-9](#) *Those Who Wait for the LORD*

[II Timothy 1:1-14](#) *Guard the Good Deposit Entrusted To You*

[Luke 17:5-10](#) *Increase our Faith!*

Monday, October 7

[Psalm 3](#) *Deliverance*

[Habakkuk 1:5-17](#) *The Wicked Swallow the Righteous*

[James 1:2-11](#) *Produces Endurance*

Tuesday, October 8

[Psalm 3](#) *Deliverance*

[Habakkuk 2:5-11](#) *Those Who Heap Up*

[I John 5:1-5, 13-21](#) *Faith Overcomes the World*

Wednesday, October 9

[Psalm 3](#) *Deliverance*

[Habakkuk 2:12-20](#) *Knowledge of the Glory of God*

[Mark 11:12-14, 20-24](#) *Faith Moves Mountains*

Thursday, October 10

[Psalm 111](#) *Thanks with My Whole Heart*

[Leviticus 14:33-53](#) *Cleansing*

[II Timothy 1:13-18](#) *Paul in Prison*

Friday, October 11

[Psalm 111](#) *Thanks with My Whole Heart*

[Numbers 4:34-5:4](#) *Census & Exclusion*

[II Timothy 2:1-7](#) *Shared Suffering*

Saturday, October 12

[Psalm 111](#) *Thanks with My Whole Heart*

[Numbers 12:1-15](#) *Miriam's Leprosy*

[Luke 5:12-16](#) *A Leper Healed*

Those Who Wait for the LORD

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [Psalm 37:1-9](#). Of David.

¹ Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
be not envious of wrongdoers!

² For they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.

³ Trust in the LORD, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

⁴ Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.

⁶ He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.

⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil devices!

⁸ Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!
Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.

⁹ For the evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

- The first thing to notice about this Psalm is that it is not like a Psalm.
- Let's look at envy. Envy is a desire to have the same thing, or to be like someone else tinged with resentment that things are going well for someone else (and in your mind they don't deserve it) and not for you. Why do they have this, and I don't? Why are things going well for them and not for me? It is a gnawing on the inside that eats you up.
- Relationships
- Status
- Blessings
- Everywhere we look, there is an opportunity for envy.
- It is dangerous because you cannot love other people and ultimately God if you are overrun with envy. To love is to stop comparing.
- How to fight envy: There is a God who sees
- "Trust in the LORD and do good (anyway) "so that you will dwell in the land and feed on faithfulness" (3)
- "Delight in the Lord and He will be give you the desires of your heart" (4)
- "Now that's an amazing promise because envy usually arises from not having the desire of your heart. You will see somebody that has something that you wish you had, and you'll see that this desire is missing in this life. So the best way to fight is to go to this promise and say, 'Now Lord, you have made a covenant with me' in verse 4. You say that, if I will put my delight in you, you will give me the desires of my heart. So I am now going to delight in you. The Bible makes staggering promises for people whose delight is in God. Now that's a key step: trusting in God sufficiently so that you come to rest in who he is for you. It may also have a profound effect on the kind of desires you must have met in order to be content. But all the desires that you have will eventually be satisfied. That's the essence of those amazing promises in Romans 8:32 ('If he did not spare his own son but gave him up for us all, will he not with him freely give you all things?') or in 1 Corinthians 3:21-23 ('All things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or life or death or things present or things to come — all are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's'). The Bible makes staggering promises for people whose delight is in God rather than things." (John Piper)
- Wait. "From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him." (Isaiah 64:4)
- The promise is not just that God will give you what you want, but that He will vindicate and satisfy.
- The ultimate look at what you have in Christ and that will dampen the drive to envy.