



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 13, 2019

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Ordinary Time

[II Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c](#) *Naaman Cleansed*

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

[II Timothy 2:8-15](#) *We Will Live With Christ*

[Luke 17:11-19](#) *One Healed Gives Thanks*

Monday, October 14

[Psalm 61](#) *Prayer for Life*

[II Kings 5:15-19a](#) *Naaman Seeks to Repay Elisha*

[Acts 26:24-29](#) *Except for These Chains*

Tuesday, October 15

[Psalm 61](#) *Prayer for Life*

[II Kings 5:19b-27](#) *Gehazi's Greed*

[Ephesians 6:10-20](#) *Ambassador in Chains*

Wednesday, October 16

[Psalm 61](#) *Prayer for Life*

[II Kings 15:1-7](#) *Azariah's Isolation*

[Matthew 10:5-15](#) *Give Without Pay*

Thursday, October 17

[Psalm 121](#) *My Help*

[Isaiah 54:11-17](#) *Vindication*

[Acts 17:22-34](#) *He Will Judge*

Friday, October 18

[Psalm 121](#) *My Help*

[Genesis 31:43-32:2](#) *The LORD Watch Between You and Me*

[II Timothy 2:14-26](#) *Right Relationships*

Saturday, October 19

[Psalm 121](#) *My Help*

[Genesis 32:3-21](#) *That I May Find Favor in Your Sight*

[Mark 10:46-52](#) *He Cried Out All the More*

And He Was Clean

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [II Kings 5:1-3, 7-15](#)

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. ² Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy...."

⁷ And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and

wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean?'" ¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

¹⁵ Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant."

- Clearly, the curators of the liturgy want us to think today about thankfulness.
- This story has much more to say to us.
 - The little girl versus international power brokers
 - Grace for all
 - The foolishness of the Lord's deliverance, healing, and salvation
 - Grace received leads to transformation
 - Mercy to the 'stuck'
 - The destructiveness of greed. You cannot buy salvation and healing, but you can buy your own destruction.

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