



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, November 10, 2019

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost: Ordinary Time

[Job 19:23-27a](#) *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

[Psalm 17:1-9](#) *Keep Me*

[II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17](#) *The Coming of Our Lord*

[Luke 20:27-38](#) *God of the Living*

Monday, November 11

[Psalm 123](#) *Our Eyes Look to the LORD*

[Job 20:1-11](#) *Fly Away Like a Dream*

[II Peter 1:16-21](#) *Men Spoke from God*

Tuesday, November 12

[Psalm 123](#) *Our Eyes Look to the LORD*

[Job 21:1, 17-34](#) *They Lie Down Alike in the Dust*

[II John 1:1-13](#) *Watch Yourselves*

Wednesday, November 13

[Psalm 123](#) *Our Eyes Look to the LORD*

[Job 25:1-26:14](#) *Sheol is Naked Before God*

[John 5:19-29](#) *The Authority of the Son*

Thursday, November 14

[Psalm 98](#) *He Will Judge the World with Righteousness*

[I Samuel 28:3-19](#) *Saul Warned of God's Judgment*

[Romans 1:18-25](#) *God's Wrath Revealed*

Friday, November 15

[Psalm 98](#) *He Will Judge the World with Righteousness*

[II Samuel 21:1-14](#) *Judgment Come to Saul's Household*

[II Thessalonians 1:3-12](#) *The Judgment at Christ's Coming*

Saturday, November 16

[Psalm 98](#) *He Will Judge the World with Righteousness*

[Ezekiel 10:1-19](#) *The Glory of the LORD Leaves the Temple*

[Luke 17:20-37](#) *The Coming Judgment*

My Eyes Shall Behold

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [Job 19:23-27a](#).

²³ “Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
²⁶ And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
²⁷ whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

- Much as we might like to deny it we are surrounded by the pervasiveness of sin and death.
- “My very dear child, What shall I say! A holy and good God has covered us with a dark cloud. O that we may kiss the rod, and lay our hands upon our mouths! The Lord has done it. He has made me adore his goodness, that we had [your father] so long. But my God lives; and he has my heart. O what a legacy my husband, and your father, has left us! We are all given to God; and there I am, and love to be. Your affectionate mother, Sarah Edwards.” (*Elizabeth Dodds, Marriage to a Difficult Man*)
- “In one afternoon Job had lost his ten children and all his wealth. Shortly afterward he was afflicted with a horrid skin disease. In both these tragedies he kept his faith and revered the sovereign hand of God. In 1:21 he said, ‘The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.’ In 2:10 he said, ‘Shall we receive good at the hand of the God and shall we not receive evil?’ He affirmed the absoluteness of God’s control over all things, and he bowed in submission to these heavy blows. But Job’s faith and reverence were not rewarded by a quick healing of his disease. He says in 7:2–3, ‘Like a slave who longs for the shadow, and like a hireling who looks for his wages, so I am allotted months of emptiness, and nights of misery are apportioned to me.’ Job’s misery had dragged on for months. In 19:25–27 Job reaches an answer. ‘For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then from my flesh (or: apart from) I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side and my eyes shall behold, and not another.’ Job is finally sure that beyond the grave he will meet God as a Redeemer and not an angry Judge. He will be redeemed from all his misery—even if it will only be after death. There will be life and light not just death and darkness.” (*John Piper*)
- Nevertheless, God never tells Job the reason nor does He explain Himself as to why this has happened to Job.
- What can sustain us in suffering? A couple of truths from the Scriptures and experience.
- Life is hard, and there will be some periods in your life that are all but unbearably hard. This is especially difficult because much in our world tells us that ease and comfort are readily available. Suffering, even tremendous suffering is the normal experience of being in the world. Beauty and love and joy, too, but also suffering.
- Job, in his suffering is bearing witness that life is a gift and like most good gifts, it is also a burden.
- Over all of this is the promise and character of God in Jesus Christ.
- The ultimate in vindication comes from God’s welcome to us and the simple fact of resurrection.
- “Dark and cheerless is the morn, Unaccompanied by Thee” (*Charles Wesley, Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*)

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