

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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*"The Mission of First Presbyterian Church of Newton, Iowa is to share the love of God and grow the body of Christ through joyful worship and fellowship, devoted prayer and study, and humble service in our community and world."*

# THE MESSENGER



**September  
2020**

## **Meghan's Musings**

### Faith in Uncertainty

Dear Church Family,

This month I'll be (re)sharing part of my August 9 sermon based on Matthew 14: 22-33 both for those who might have missed it but as a reminder to those who did hear it. In this story, the disciples saw Jesus walking on water and Peter, in an effort to determine whether the figure walking toward them was truly Jesus said, "'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?'"

As Father Thomas Keating (among others) asserted, the opposite of faith is not doubt, but certainty. Not surprisingly, that week I had been thinking about this passage in the context of our current situation with the coronavirus pandemic. Some of you will already know but for others this will be news: that on August 4, Session voted to remain closed through February 21, of next year. That may seem extreme but several factors led to this decision: 1) the spread of the coronavirus is not getting better. (Truthfully, when Session last met in June, I expected that we would decide to begin re-opening by now), 2) concern about surges in cases due to school resuming, due to cooler weather bringing more gatherings indoors and due to the holidays, 3) and the current Session wanting the new (2021) Session to have a chance to settle in a little before making the decision and Feb 21 is the first Sunday after Session meets in February. Now, just like with this scripture passage, where people have different interpretations about what constitutes faith and doubt, people have different ideas regarding what is a faithful response to the pandemic. Some feel that their faith requires them to be in church no matter what and that their faith will protect them from harm. While others believe that our faith requires us to use our intellect, use scientific knowledge, and follow the advice of experts to protect ourselves and others. Well, you can guess where Session and I fall on this one. Some believe that the faith requires the risk of going to church and possibly being exposed to the virus. I believe that the risk of faith requires keeping our church building closed

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## Sanctuary

Rev. Meghan Davis-Brass

As we settle into our “new normal”, I’ve been thinking about ways to try to make the online worship experience more engaging. Specifically, how can online worship feel more like “worship” as opposed to all the other time we spend looking at screens these days. How can worship be different than other Zoom meetings or watching TV? It’s important to remember that even though the service is on the screen, this is not a performance conducted by pastor and musicians but a participatory act in which *all* are encouraged to glorify, pray and seek to draw closer to God. In that spirit, I invite you to turn your living room (or kitchen or bedroom, wherever you are when you access our service) into a sanctuary for yourself thereby marking the time and place as special and holy.

Let’s start by lighting a candle (with real flame or battery operated), taking a few deep breaths, a few moments to center yourself before hitting “play” and bring yourself to a place where you’re ready to hear from God.

Over the next few weeks I will be suggesting new “additions” to your sanctuary and will be inviting you to share pictures of your space with the rest of the church family. Though we are not together physically, God’s Spirit is with each one of us as we worship together, apart.



### Many Thanks and Blessings

Curt and I want to thank *all* of our church family for your love, support and more than generous wedding gift. As you all know, it was not the wedding we planned. We planned to get married right here at First Presbyterian Church of Newton with all invited to witness our union and share in our joy. Of course, the coronavirus had other plans. We look forward to a “do over” celebration when life has indeed returned to normal, as surely one day it will.

Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU!

In Christ,

Meghan & Curt



*Thank you*  
from the bottom of our hearts  
Love, Meghan and Curt



\*To the family and friends of Ruth Ann Van Elswyk, Carol Goodwin, and Gladys Sparks, as they learn to continue on with life without their loved one.

\*To people worldwide who continue to battle the coronavirus, or have to deal with the death of a loved one from the virus.

\*For Shirley Stevens, her granddaughter and 2 great-granddaughters and her son. The granddaughter is having major surgery. Shirley will be at their home in Mason City during the surgery and recovery, taking care of her great-granddaughters, ages 5 and 16 months. Also, Shirley's son, Jeff, is in the hospital with a blood clot in his lung. Prayers also for George.

\*To all administrators, staff, professors, teachers and students at colleges and community and Christian schools as these learning institutions open or will do so soon. There will be new adjustments with social distancing, wearing masks, having classes in person or virtual, as well as the concern of possible exposure to the coronavirus. Also to the parents, who may be dealing with homeschooling or having their children in school.

\*To the people of California, dealing with wildfires, the people of Beirut who have had recent explosions and other natural disasters around the world.

\*To the people of South Sudan as they continue with unrest and conflicts.

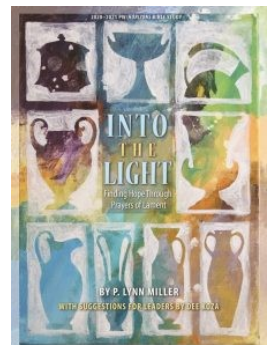
## Who is interested in attending Women's Bible Study via Zoom?

This year's study is titled "Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayer". In this nine-lesson study, P. Lynn Miller revives lament as a proper theological response to the difficult situations of our world. One of the foundational points of the study is that, in scripture, lament usually leads to hope. After crying out to God, the one who laments remembers God. And while that doesn't fix things in the moment—the injustice, the loss still exists—the lamenter is strengthened to face the world and to hope. And for us as Christians, hope is not just an emotional response or an attitude of pie in the sky. Hope implies movement: both God's inherent movement toward justice and our movement toward God. Recovering lament may be one of the church's most timely gifts to the world.

Please leave a message at the church office if you are interested, so we will know how many books to order. The cost for them will be \$10 each. Large print versions are available at \$15 each. The starting date and time have not been set, but we likely will start around the first of October.

If you have never attended before due to being at your winter home or work obligations or just not wanting to get out, we would love to have you join us. It is a great time of fellowship and studying a section of the bible.

It would be good to be back together, apart. You would have to furnish your own coffee (or drink of preference) and snacks.





So  
Sorry  
for  
Your  
Loss

Ruth Ann Van Elswyk, 90, of Newton died on Monday, July 27, 2020, at Legacy Senior Living in Iowa City. A graveside service was held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, August 6, 2020, at Newton Union Cemetery. Memorials have been designated to the First Presbyterian Church.

Ruth Ann, the daughter of Bill and Irene (Welsh) Fox, was born on September 10, 1929 in Newton. She graduated from Newton in the Class of 1948. After she graduated, Ruth Ann worked as a Legal Assistant for the Brierly, McCall, and Girdner Law Office in Newton. On October 6, 1962,

Ruth Ann was united in marriage with Leo Van Elswyk in Newton. They were blessed with two children, Ann and Peter, who Ruth Ann loved staying at home with and raising. During that time she also ran the barn for her and Leo's apple orchard northwest of Newton. After her children were grown, Ruth Ann worked at Hansen Directory for many years until her retirement. Ruth Ann and Leo also developed the Promised Land Retreat west of Newton.

Ruth Ann was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, where she served as a Deacon and was part of the Women's Bible Study. She was also a member of the Beta Sigma Phi, a non-academic business women's society. For many years, Ruth Ann taught the Sunbeams, the pre-school aged Sunday school class, at the Community Reformed Church. Ruth Ann was known for sending greeting cards for people's birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays. She never missed a chance to send a note for a special occasion.

Ruth Ann is survived by her children, Ann van Elswijk (Jerry Suder) of Everett, Washington and Peter Adrian Van Elswyk of Iowa City; granddaughter, Winnifred (Zachary) Quincy of Marysville, Washington; and great-granddaughter, Charlotte Quincy. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Leo, in 2009.

Carol E. Goodwin, 100, of Newton, died Thursday, August 13, 2020, at MercyOne Newton Medical Center. A private family burial was held at Zoar Cemetery in rural Newton. Memorials have been designated to the Zoar Cemetery Association

Carol, the eldest of 5 daughters born to Carl and Faye (Garrison) Bowers, was born November 11, 1919, on the family farm 10 miles north of Newton. She grew up on the farm and graduated from Newton High School in 1937. She then attended the Iowa State Teachers' College. Carol taught country school for 4 years before working for the Department of Commerce in Washington, DC during World War II. Upon returning to Newton, Carol began working in the supply department at The Maytag Company, where she was employed until her retirement in 1976. Carol was united in marriage with John Boucher on September 13, 1950, in Iowa City. John was killed in the Korean War in 1951. Carol later met Kenneth Goodwin and the two were married in 1954.

Carol enjoyed traveling, reading, gardening, taking pictures, and embroidering. From 1995-2001, she photographed pictures of all 99 Iowa courthouses, and enjoyed traveling to those locations with her family and friends.

Carol is survived by her sisters, Margery McCardell of Iowa City and Marian Bowie of Altoona; her nieces and nephews: Mark McCardell of Clive, Rennie Young and her children, Maddie and Kie Davis of Decorah, and Megan Bowie. She was preceded in death by her parents; both of her husbands; her sisters, Ruth (Glenn) Horras and Jean (Ken) Young; nephew, Andrew Bowie; and her brother-in-law, Howard Bowie.



## Help with clean-up after Derecho



Bret Doerring (far left in ball cap), son Kyle and a group of Amish men worked to clean up damage in Linda Campbell's yard, as well as the Parsons', JoAnn Tyler's and Karen Quinn's.

Mickey Van Baale took advantage of the NHS football team's fundraiser of cleaning up yards on Saturday, August 22.

If you or someone you know are needing help with cleanup, please get ahold of Meghan, or a member of Session or the Deacons and connections will be made to get members to your home.

Thank you to those of you who have provided help to family, friends and/or neighbors with this huge project.

## Building and Grounds

George Wilkening, Chair

Damage was done to the church roof during the recent derecho. Our insurance adjustor has been here to assess the damage. One part of the roof had the tiles ripped off down to the wood. This has been waterproofed and ready for new tiles. Tiles will be removed on the two sections that slope toward the tower. The hole created by the squirrel and raccoon will be repaired. We have some tiles that will be used in the repair, and new ones will have to be purchased.

A search is on to find a bricklayer that can do this work. While the cost of repairing the roof is \$90,000, our insurance will pay for all of this except the deductible. Thanks be to God!



Some of the tiles that came off the roof and landed in the alley.

When we were worshipping together in the sanctuary, many people did not know that Brandon and Samantha Jackson were expecting their second child. Brandon announced on Facebook on Thursday, August 27 that Jett Lawrence Jackson came into the world at 12:11pm. He weighed 6 pounds, 15 oz., and was 20 1/2 " long.

Brandon says that mom and baby are doing well. Jett is welcomed by his parents and big sister Morgan plus other extended family members.

Congratulations to all!  
Your church family!



## On-Line Giving

Though we aren't meeting in person and having the opportunity to pass the collection plate, bills continue to arrive in the mail. Utilities need to be paid for, as well as insurance and payroll. So, it is important to continue to receive pledges or other giving from all of you. Many of our members have taken the advantage of having their pledges automatically taken from the bank account each month. Others were able to pay their entire pledge at the first of the year.

For the rest of you, we have to depend on your mailed in offering. Knowing that it can be easy to forget to do this with everything on your plate, we set-up a method where you can contribute on-line. This is through the Presbytery Foundation and your gift goes automatically in the church's bank account. A report is sent to the church, so you can be credited with this and it will show up on your giving statement.

Currently we have three members who are using this. There is a 2% fee for using this service. When you are on line, you should receive an option to have the 2% taken out of your gift, or you can pay the fee in addition to your gift. An example: If your gift is \$100, the 2% fee is \$2.00. If you chose to have the fee taken out of your gift, \$98 would be deposited in our account. Should you chose to pay the 2%, \$100 would be put in our account and you would be charged \$102.

Use this link to give on line: [https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco\\_ver3.vps?appver3=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JlDavDsozUE7KG0nFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbXFVTqJnOV-bS9Zo1Z9C540iYnTg5dP4O6rpX5QvPEWIBhHDN59kLZFffwkFYERpQIH2I1GPRTaB43F65iO\\_4Wo=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JlDavDsozUE7KG0nFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbXFVTqJnOV-bS9Zo1Z9C540iYnTg5dP4O6rpX5QvPEWIBhHDN59kLZFffwkFYERpQIH2I1GPRTaB43F65iO_4Wo=&ver=3) .The link can be found on our webpage and our Facebook page, or, if you prefer, we can email it to you..

Thank you to everyone. In staying up-to-date with your pledge or giving regularly, you allow us to continue serving God, our church family and the community.

## Another 4-Legged Visitor at the Church

Gary Parsons, Resident Rodent Captor

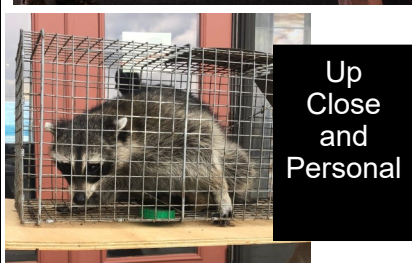
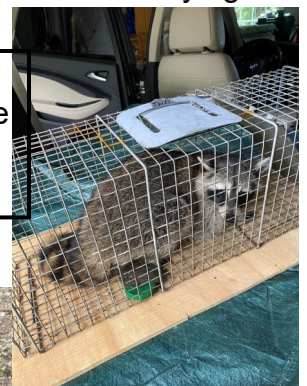
Remember the “Squirrel Incident” I wrote about several weeks ago? We have had another one. For awhile after capturing the squirrel I checked the old H.S. room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor for recurring animal sign. No sign for several weeks and then I discovered that one of the ceiling tiles was on the floor with a lot of insulation and debris in the area. I once again baited Dana’s live trap with suet. The next day on checking it the food was gone, trap sprung and door locked but no animal in the trap. This happened another time. I thought maybe a mouse could trip it and after the door fell and locked it could easily wriggle through the wire bars. So I started setting mousetraps. They also were soon tripped, bait gone but no animal in the traps. I went outside and looked at the hole the squirrel had made in the dormer and realized it was much larger and there was a “ringed” tail dangling from it. Like the captain from the movie “Jaws” said after encountering the huge shark, “I think we are going to need a bigger boat”. I thought to myself, “I am going to need a bigger trap”. Tom Mott loaned me a larger live trap which I baited and set in the storage/ductwork room adjoining the H.S. room on the south. Toni Peska recommended using cat food or peanut butter so I used both and mixed them together. I set it on Fri. Aug. 7. No luck on the 8<sup>th</sup> but when I went in on Sunday morning, the 9<sup>th</sup>, the masked critter was in the trap. I called my son, Kevin, to help me get it out of the church and into the car. Tom had warned me that when captured they can be “messy” (if you know what he means). Also, he was big and heavy and next to impossible for one person to maneuver down the twists and turns of the stairs especially if it became agitated. With two of us it was still tricky to carry and avoid teeth & claws through wire and its “messiness” so we placed the caged animal on a plywood board which worked perfectly. Rev. Meghan was at the church preparing for Zoom fellowship so was able to get some pictures. Kay went with me to turn it loose near Mariposa Park. She didn’t enjoy it very much because even with windows down she described the ride as very, very, very pungent! I didn’t think it was so bad - only very, very pungent! The raccoon had been surprisingly calm the whole time but when I opened the door he was gone. And that was a good thing!

A thought-it took me several weeks to trap the squirrel, about 2 days to trap the raccoon. Either my trapping skills are improving, or the raccoon was not nearly as smart as the squirrel. I am trying to determine if other animals are entering the hole, and if so, will reset the trap. Thanks to Tom Mott for the use of the trap.



Caught! Out with you, Mr. Raccoon!

In Parsons’ van for a ride to be released.



Up Close and Personal



Out of the church and on to Mariposa Park!



Ready to be released at Mariposa Park.



## Foundation Board

**Jane Repp, President**

Your FPC Foundation Board at Work!!!

As of January, 2020, the Foundation Board of Directors has some new (but familiar) faces. The Foundation Board of Directors is now:

President – Jane Repp

Vice President – Joan Tyler

Secretary – Dave Stolper

Treasurer – Warren Erickson

Session Representative – Tom Mott

Rev. Meghan Davis is a non-voting Board member

John Taylor has volunteered to help us with fund raising

The Foundation was established and the bylaws first initiated effective August 16, 2005. The Mission Statement read as follows: The Foundation of the First Presbyterian Church was established to receive gifts/bequests deemed beneficial to the church foundation from any source. These gifts are to be used exclusively for the purpose of the foundation as set forth in the articles of the bylaws.

One of the duties of the Foundation Board is to provide education to our church members annually. In the past, the Board held evening meals complete with an investment representative giving a presentation and taking questions. Other years the Board made a presentation during Sunday worship during the month of May called “Wills Sunday”, encouraging members to remember the church when doing estate planning. When we are once again together in our church building, we will be making some type of education event/presentation.

The Foundation recently received a very generous gift from the late Carol Soderblom Proctor Hammer. Following the sale of Carol’s Newton home, the proceeds of the sale were donated to our FPC Foundation. For those of you who did not know Carol, here is some information. After earning a Master’s degree in music education and piano performance, Carol taught in public schools, including six years in Newton in the 1960’s. Beginning in 1968 she did further graduate work in piano pedagogy at Columbia University in New York City and taught piano at the Harlem School of the Arts. In 1970 she returned to Iowa and started a classic piano program in the Des Moines Public Schools. While working towards her doctorate in Musicology at the University of Iowa she met her future husband Carroll Proctor. Both Carroll and Carol taught in the music department at Simpson College and married in 1994. Upon retirement they moved to Newton and lived in Carol’s home. After Dr. Proctor’s passing in 2010, Carol was delighted to reconnect with childhood friend David Hammer. They were married in August of 2013 on the RMS Queen Mary and lived in Dubuque until returning to Newton. The Foundation board is deeply grateful that Carol remembered our church while estate planning.

A gift to the Foundation is truly the gift that continues to give. Money given to the Foundation is invested and the interest earned is paid to the church two times a year. Foundation funds are available to the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Session to make capital improvements. The Board recently voted to invest \$100,000.00 of Carol’s gift and give the church the remaining \$16,000.00 immediately. We also were able to negotiate a better interest rate with Edward Jones, where our Foundation money is invested.

We do hope that you will kindly remember our church when you do estate planning. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of the Foundation board members.



## Mission Committee

Larry Anderson, Chair

### Mission Committee actions

As we all know, many people in our community and region of the state have experienced hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic and the economic fallout. The Mission Committee recently sent \$400 to the local Salvation Army Food Pantry and \$400 to the Food Bank of Iowa in Des Moines.

Also, several weeks ago much of the country of El Salvador, including the Berlin area where our church has a personal connection, was affected by severe storms which damaged or wiped out crops and destroyed homes. After doing some research, the Mission Committee decided to send \$1225 to the organization *Friends from Iowa Foundation* in Adel. They have an operation in Berlin that serves that area, including the canton of Muñoces where we have sent delegations from our church. With that money, they were able to purchase items that the households in Muñoces could choose from, totaling about \$30 per household. Most of the families chose to receive food, but the Foundation was able to also include some basic hygiene items and a plastic jug for carrying water. These items were delivered to the community on August 6. We have received word that these items were very timely, not only because of the storm damage but because of the effects of the pandemic.

Below is an email and pictures I received from Andres Monterrosa, who did the leg work for the group we sent the money to:

*Mr. Larry,*

*I would like to thank you for supporting one of the communities of my hometown; as you already know, Muñoces is a very poor community, like many others, and the help came to them right on a good time, I am sure Mr. Jerry has share or will share some pictures of the families.*

*I am sharing a couple more that I took that made me smile and will make you remember: every act is worth a million when there's a smile of joy.*

*In the name of Muñoces THANK YOU VERY MUCH, they hope to be able to meet with you all again in the future, hopefully you will be able to.*

*Andrés Monterrosa*



## Days for Girls

Marilyn McCallister, Co-Chair

### Days for Girls International – Lebanon Emergency Response Project

An urgent Days for Girls International (DfG) message came from USA Country Coordinator Katy Jones and International Chapters Director Leyla Isin-Xiong:

“On August 4th, 2020, 2 explosions at the port of Beirut, Lebanon killed more than 150 people, injured 5,000+ people, and displaced 300,000+ individuals. We just received word that our amazing DfG leaders in Lebanon are safe and continue to be on the frontlines of the response for refugees and Lebanese citizens, but this tragedy is not over and in typical DfG fashion, we are stepping up to respond. DfG Lebanon is reporting increased scarcity and an urgent need for assistance. We are calling on Chapters and Teams to come together to support their response as they work to provide emergency menstrual supplies to refugees and Lebanese women and girls during this challenging time.”

DfG is partnering with Americares in a Lebanon Emergency Response Project to provide needed sustainable feminine hygiene kits. Our DfG Newton Iowa Team had 159 hygiene kits ready to go. Julie Fisher and Marilyn McCallister, co-team leaders, prepped and boxed the 149 kits plus 131 Regular shields, 157 Heavy Flow shields and 32 Heavy Flow liners. Julie Fisher delivered these supplies on Wednesday, August 19 to Liberty, Missouri, the collection site closest to us.

Thank you to our DfG Newton Iowa Team for the many hours at our monthly workshops plus the many hours of those who have worked at home. Thank you to First Presbyterian Church, Newton, Iowa for the workshop space. Thank you to all the many donations throughout the years (DfG Newton Iowa Team began September, 2016).

God has given us this opportunity to be good neighbors to women and girls half-way around the world! Praise God!

Marilyn McCallister & Julie Fisher, DfG Newton Iowa Team co-leaders

## Don Justo Coffee

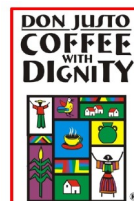
Linda Anderson

Dear Friends,

We continue to support poor coffee farmers in the Berlin, El Salvador area by purchasing Don Justo coffee from Our Sister Parish. You can purchase in whole bean or ground coffee. They have both Decaf and Regular choices.

If you are interested in purchasing coffee or have any questions about the Don Justo coffee ministry, please call or contact Linda Anderson at 641-521-1153 or [wilsand96@yahoo.com](mailto:wilsand96@yahoo.com). I will be placing a coffee order which will be delivered to Newton by Maurice Dyer of Our Sister Parish. The price is \$10 for one pound regular and \$12 for one pound of decaf.

Thank you.



Proposed schedule to resume when deemed safe to do so.



SEPTEMBER

# 2020 **BIRTHDAYS** & **EVENTS**

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thur**

**Fri**

**Sat**

		1 <i>Melissa Sommars</i> 11a Gentle Yoga 3:30p Mission	2 <i>Brandon Jackson</i> 6p B&F	3 6:30a Early Men's Group 9a Men's Group 3p Chair Yoga	4	5
6	7 4:45p–Personnel	8 11a Gentle Yoga 4p Worship & Music	9	10 <i>John Taylor</i> 3p Chair Yoga	11 <i>Kay Gause</i>	12 <i>Dick Mielke Bennett Zehr</i>
13 9a Deacons in Parlor	14 <i>Carma Sturtz</i>	15 11a Gentle Yoga 7p Session	16 <i>Janet Shields</i>	17 <i>Harriett Harmelink</i> 6:30a Early Men's Group 9a Men's Group 3p Chair Yoga	18	19
20	21 <i>Ann DeGrado</i>	22 11a Gentle Yoga	23	24 <i>Norm Grimm</i> 3p Chair Yoga	25 <i>Garrett Sturtz</i>	26 <i>Clarice Sigurdson</i>
27 <i>Randy Camp Garrett Zehr</i>	28	29 <i>Larry Anderson Julie Brodersen</i> 11a Gentle Yoga	30			

**Regular Worship Schedule**

10:30a Worship

11:30a Fellowship

**We will continue these hours as long we we are on-line.**

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Return Service Requested

## Lectionary —

### September, 2020

#### **September 6 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost**

Exod. 12:1-14; *Ps. 149*; Rom. 13:8-14  
Matt. 18:15-20

#### **September 13 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost**

Exod. 14:19-31; *Ps. 114 or Exod. 15:1b-11*,  
20-21; Rom. 14:1-12; Matt. 18:21-35

#### **September 20 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost**

Exod. 16:2-15; *Ps. 105:1-6,, 37-45*;  
Phil. 1:21-30; Matt. 20:1-16

#### **September 27 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost**

Exod. 17:1-7; *Ps. 78:1-4, 12-16*;  
Phil 2:1-13; Matt. 21:23-32

### October, 2020

#### **October 4 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost**

Exod. 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; *Ps. 19*;  
Phil. 3:4b-14; Matt. 21:33-46

#### **October 11 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost**

Exod. 32:14; *Ps. 106: 1-6, 19-23*;  
Phil. 4:1-9; Matt. 22:1-14

#### **October 18 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost**

Exod.33:12-23; *Ps.99*; 1 Thess.1:1-10;  
Matt. 22:15-22

#### **October 25 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost**

Deut. 34:1-12; *Ps. 90:1-6, 13-17*;  
1 Thess. 2:1-8; Matt. 22:34-46