

## DCPC This Sunday

**November 11, 2018**

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday/Stewardship Commitment Sunday

*Standing with the Forsaken*

Scripture – Deuteronomy 10:12-22 and Mark 12:38-44

The Rev. Robert M. Alexander will preach at 8:30 and 9:45 in Lingle Chapel and 11 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Who are the people with power in our society? Are they the politicians, those with an education, those who have money, or those who have weapons? Do you feel like you have power? Have you ever been in a situation when you have felt powerless?

In our gospel text for Sunday Jesus challenges a group of people known as “scribes.” They were people who had status and position in Jewish society – likely because of their education. They could read and write and interpret the law. Jesus challenged them because of the way that they abused their authority. He challenged the way they used their power.

There are plenty of ways that we see power abused today. From domestic violence, to the #MeToo movement, to police brutality, to unfair policy, to corrupt courts, to war, people are abused, forgotten, and forsaken. Those without power are left with the biggest burdens.

The widow in our story carries the burden of a corrupt system. Shouldn’t that system, created by those with power and influence, be carrying the burden of that widow? Are we not called to stand with those who have been forsaken in order to support them in their journey?