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NOVEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS

Sunday, November 3, 2019
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm: Psalm 119:137-144
Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Sunday, November 10, 2019
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: Haggai 1:15b-2:9
Psalm: Psalm 145:1-5, 13-17
Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

Sunday, November 17, 2019
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 65:27-35
Psalm: Psalm 98
Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Sunday, November 24, 2019
Reign of Christ

Hebrew Scripture: Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm: Psalm 46
Epistle: Colossians 1:11-20
Gospel: Luke 23:33-44

Thursday, November 28, 2019
Thanksgiving Day

Hebrew Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm: Psalm 100
Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9
Gospel: John 6:25-35



First Notes

As I mentioned back in October's front page, we will be starting a four-week worship series, "A Wonder-Full Life" during the month of November. (The series is not a lectionary-based series, but I will post the passages from the Revised Common Lectionary in the newsletter, anyway) Even though this series will be a bit of a departure from what we usually do in worship during the month of November, we will still be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion and recognizing All Saints on the first weekend of the month (November 2nd/3rd), as have done, traditionally.

Personally, I think that the celebration of Holy Communion and the remembrance of the people that have left us to join the Church Triumphant is a fitting thing to do on a Sunday when we begin a worship series designed to celebrate the wonder and fullness of the life that we enjoy. The persons that have come before us, and whose departures from us we mark in solemn remembrance, are a gift. Each one represents a link to our past. As the years go on, I have noticed that the names added to the Church Triumphant includes family members, teachers, mentors, and colleagues. No doubt, you've noticed the same thing in your lives. Each of those persons have had an impact on our spiritual development and it is good for us to remember them.

And speaking of November traditions, we will be participating in A Community Service of Thanksgiving with First Congregational UCC on November 27th at 7:00 p.m. Since this is an odd-numbered year, First Congregational will be hosting the service this time around. It is always good to be able to worship with our friends from our sister congregation and the singing is always excellent! I hope that a good number of you will be able to participate in this worship service.

And—to borrow a line from the 1970's TV detective, Columbo--"Just one more thing..."--I encourage you to keep your eyes open in the weeks ahead as we draw closer to Advent and the ministry and mission opportunities that will present themselves. The time will be here sooner than we can imagine.

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Jim Hoppert

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