

**July 2020**  
**Summer Sermon Series:**  
**Hot Times in the Bible**  
**“It’s Going To Be a Hot One”**  
**July 19, 2020**

**First Reading**

*~ Luke 12: 54-59, adapted from The Message Translation*

**Understanding The Times**

Then Jesus turned to the crowd: “When you see clouds coming in from the west, you say, ‘Storm’s coming’— and you’re right. And when the wind comes out of the south, you say, ‘It’s going to be a hot one’— and you’re right.

“Frauds! Hypocrites! You know how to tell a change in the weather, so don’t tell me you can’t tell a change in the season, the present God-season we’re in right now.

“You don’t have to be a genius to understand these things. Just use your common sense, the kind you’d use if, while being taken to court, you decided to settle up with your accuser on the way, knowing that if the case went to the judge you’d probably go to jail and have to pay every last penny of the fine.”

**Second Reading ~ adapted from Caroline Myss**

We are not meant to stay wounded. We are supposed to move through our tragedies and challenges and to help each other move through the many painful episodes of our lives. By remaining stuck in the power of our wounds, we block our own transformation. We overlook the greater gifts inherent in our wounds and challenges — the strength to overcome them and the lessons that we are meant to receive through them. Wounds and challenges are the means through which we enter the hearts of other people. They are meant to teach us to become more compassionate and wise.