



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, April 21, 2019

Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord

[Isaiah 65:17-25](#) *New*

[Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#) *Live*

[1 Corinthians 15:19-26](#) *Alive*

[John 20:1-18](#) *I Have Seen the Lord*

Monday, April 22, 2019

[Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#) *This is The Day*

[Joshua 10:16-27](#) *The LORD's Enemies Vanquished*

[1 Corinthians 5:6b-8](#) *Celebrate with Sincerity & Truth*

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

[Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#) *This is The Day*

[Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a](#) *On That Day God Subdued*

[Revelation 12:1-12](#) *Now*

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

[Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#) *This is The Day*

[11 Samuel 6:1-15](#) *David Danced Before the LORD*

[Luke 24:1-12](#) *He Went Home Marveling*

Thursday, April 25, 2019

[Psalm 150](#) *Everything That Has Breath*

[1 Samuel 17:1-23](#) *Army Against Army*

[Acts 5:12-16](#) *They Were All Healed*

Friday, April 26, 2019

[Psalm 150](#) *Everything That Has Breath*

[1 Samuel 17:19-32](#) *Let No Man's Heart Fail*

[Acts 5:17-26](#) *Greatly Perplexed*

Saturday, April 27, 2019

[Psalm 150](#) *Everything That Has Breath*

[1 Samuel 17:32-51](#) *David Prevailed*

[Luke 24:36-40](#) *He Showed Them*

A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of April 21, 2019

Alive

This week, Steve Shelby preached on [1 Corinthians 15:19-26](#)

¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

- Isn't a Christianity without a physical resurrection less powerful and awesome? When the message is about love, that's less religion, more philosophy.
 - "For me, the message of Easter is that love is stronger than life or death. That's a much more awesome claim than that they put Jesus in the tomb and three days later he wasn't there. For Christians for whom the physical resurrection becomes a sort of obsession, that seems to me to be a pretty wobbly faith. What if tomorrow someone found the body of Jesus still in the tomb? Would that then mean that Christianity was a lie? No, faith is stronger than that." (*New York Times* interview: Nicholas Kristof with Serene Jones, pastor and President of Union Seminary, New York)
- 1.) We have a full hope in Christ for this life and the next because Jesus is raised from the dead (19-20). We don't have to be like Mary Magdalene, grieving without hope.
 - 2.) "For by a man death came... in Adam all die." (21-22)
 - The Bible sees two kinds of people. People who are in union with Adam, and people who are in union with Christ.
 - All is comprehensive. We are not just in bondage to sin and its consequence of death, we are complicit, active in our participation in it.
 - 3.) "For by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead... in Christ shall all be made alive." (21-22)
 - This is why Jesus had to become a new Adam for us.
 - Sin and death are now disabled and do not get the final word.
 - We look in hope to the destruction of the last enemy.

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