



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, May 5, 2019

The Third Sunday of Easter

[Acts 9:1-20](#) *Paul's Conversion, Baptism & Preaching*

[Psalm 30](#) *Mourning Into Dancing*

[Revelation 5:11-14](#) *Worship in Glory*

[John 21:1-19](#) *Come and Have Breakfast*

Monday, May 6

[Psalm 121](#) *I Lift My Eyes*

[Ezekiel 1:1-25](#) *Ezekiel Saw Visions of God*

[Acts 9:19b-31](#) *Saul had seen the Lord*

Tuesday, May 7

[Psalm 121](#) *I Lift My Eyes*

[Ezekiel 1:26-2:1](#) *I Heard the Voice of One Speaking*

[Acts 26:1-18](#) *To Open Their Eyes*

Wednesday, May 8

[Psalm 121](#) *I Lift My Eyes*

[Isaiah 6:1-8](#) *Isaiah Saw the Lord*

[Luke 5:1-11](#) *When Simon Peter Saw*

Thursday, May 9

[Psalm 23](#) *My Shepherd*

[Ezekiel 11:1-25](#) *They Shall be My People*

[Revelation 5:1-10](#) *The Elders Fell Down Before the Lamb*

Friday, May 10

[Psalm 23](#) *My Shepherd*

[Ezekiel 20:39-44](#) *When I Gather You*

[Revelation 6:1-7:4](#) *The Servants of God are Sealed*

Saturday, May 11

[Psalm 23](#) *My Shepherd*

[Ezekiel 28:25-26](#) *They Shall Dwell Securely*

[Luke 12:29-32](#) *Fear Not, Little Flock*

Love & Restoration

This week, Steve Shelby preached on [John 21:1-19](#).

¹ After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ² Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸ The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

- "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." ([Lamentations 3:22](#))
- The role of memory in our lives, both for good and for ill.
- What had the disciples been remembering since Jesus' death and resurrection?
 - Peter → Denials
 - Nathaniel, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" ([John 1:46](#))
 - James and John, "Can we sit on your right hand?" ([Mark 10:37](#))
 - Thomas, the doubter
- So they go fishing. They fail at that as well (all night)
- Memories now of when they first met Jesus Luke 5. After fishing all night and failing Jesus tells them what to do and calls them.
- When was the last time we heard Peter was by a charcoal fire? [John 18:18](#).
- Fish and bread (Matthew 14 and 15)
- Three questions to restore the three-times denier.
- What has changed, and what hasn't?
- The same thing was true of Saul (Paul)
- It is the goodness of God that leads us to repent. Sometimes we use words like we are on a journey to God or Jesus, but the real truth is Jesus comes to us.