

Readings for Sunday, February 10, 2019
Woodbury United Methodist Church

**PLEASE MOVE TO THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY PRIOR TO THE
READINGS SO YOU CAN STEP TO THE PULPIT QUICKLY.**

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah:

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord. He was sitting on his throne, high and exalted, and his robe filled the whole Temple. ²Around him flaming creatures were standing, each of which had six wings. Each creature covered its face with two wings, and its body with two, and used the other two for flying. ³They were calling out to each other:

“Holy, holy, holy! The LORD Almighty is holy! His glory fills the world.” ⁴The sound of their voices made the foundation of the Temple shake, and the Temple itself became filled with smoke. ⁵I said, “There is no hope for me! I am doomed because every word that passes my lips is sinful, and I live among a people whose every word is sinful. And yet, with my own eyes I have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.” ⁶Then one of the creatures flew down to me, carrying a burning coal that he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷He touched my lips with the burning coal and said, “This has touched your lips, and now your guilt is gone, and your sins are forgiven.”

⁸Then I heard the Lord say, “Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?” I answered, “I will go! Send me!”

A Reading from Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians:

And now I want to remind you, my friends, of the Good News which I preached to you, which you received, and on which your faith stands firm. ²That is the gospel, the message that I preached to you. You are saved by the gospel if you hold firmly to it—unless it was for nothing that you believed.

³I passed on to you what I received, which is of the greatest importance: that Christ died for our sins, as written in the Scriptures; ⁴that he was buried and that he was raised to life three days later, as written in the Scriptures; ⁵that he appeared to Peter and then to all twelve apostles. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred of his followers at once, most of

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whom are still alive, although some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, and afterward to all the apostles.

⁸Last of all he appeared also to me—even though I am like someone whose birth was abnormal.^[a] ⁹For I am the least of all the apostles—I do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted God's church. ¹⁰But by God's grace I am what I am, and the grace that he gave me was not without effect. On the contrary, I have worked harder than any of the other apostles, although it was not really my own doing, but God's grace working with me. ¹¹So then, whether it came from me or from them, this is what we all preach, and this is what you believe.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE:

One day Jesus was standing on the shore of Lake Gennesaret while the people pushed their way up to him to listen to the word of God. ²He saw two boats pulled up on the beach; the fishermen had left them and were washing the nets. ³Jesus got into one of the boats—it belonged to Simon—and asked him to push off a little from the shore. Jesus sat in the boat and taught the crowd. ⁴When he finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Push the boat out further to the deep water, and you and your partners let down your nets for a catch." ⁵"Master," Simon answered, "we worked hard all night long and caught nothing. But if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶They let them down and caught such a large number of fish that the nets were about to break. ⁷So they motioned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came and filled both boats so full of fish that the boats were about to sink. ⁸When Simon Peter saw what had happened, he fell on his knees before Jesus and said, "Go away from me, Lord! I am a sinful man!"

⁹He and the others with him were all amazed at the large number of fish they had caught. ¹⁰The same was true of Simon's partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee. Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."¹¹They pulled the boats up on the beach, left everything, and followed Jesus.

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**