

Readings for Sunday, August 18,2019
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 GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE:

⁴⁹“I came to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to receive, and how distressed I am until it is over! ⁵¹Do you suppose that I came to bring peace to the world? No, not peace, but [division](#). ⁵²From now on a family of five will be divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³Fathers will be against their sons, and sons against their fathers; mothers will be against their daughters, and daughters against their mothers; mothers-in-law will be against their daughters-in-law, and daughters-in-law against their mothers-in-law.”

⁵⁴Jesus said also to the people, “When you see a cloud coming up in the west, at once you say that it is going to rain—and it does. ⁵⁵And when you feel the south wind blowing, you say that it is going to get hot—and it does. ⁵⁶Hypocrites! You can look at the earth and the sky and predict the weather; why, then, don't you know the meaning of this present time?

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN:

²⁷“Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid.

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