

Readings for Sunday, February 17, 2019
Woodbury United Methodist Church

A Reading from the prophet Jeremiah:

The LORD says, "I will condemn those who turn away from me and put their trust in human beings, in the strength of mortals. ⁶He is like a bush in the desert, which grows in the dry wasteland, on salty ground where nothing else grows. Nothing good ever happens to him. ⁷"But I will bless the person who puts his trust in me. ⁸He is like a tree growing near a stream and sending out roots to the water. It is not afraid when hot weather comes, because its leaves stay green; it has no worries when there is no rain; it keeps on bearing fruit. ⁹"Who can understand the human heart? There is nothing else so deceitful; it is too sick to be healed. ¹⁰I, the LORD, search the minds and test the hearts of people. I treat each of them according to the way they live, according to what they do."


Responsorial Psalm 1; p. 738, UMH (Sung Response 2)

738 PSALTER

Psalm 1

Ps. 1:1b,2a
Richard Proulx


RESPONSE 1 (Easter & General)



Walk in the light of God's coun- sel;
de - light in the law of the Lord.

Ps. 1:3
Afro-American spiritual

RESPONSE 2 (General)



Like a tree that's plant - ed by the
wa - ter, we shall not be moved.

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- 1 Blessed are those
who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked;
or stand in the way of sinners,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
- 2 but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on God's law they meditate day and night.
- 3 They are like trees
planted by streams of water
that yield their fruit in season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper. R
- 4 The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff which the wind drives away.
- 5 **Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment;**
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- 6 for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish. R

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

¹²Now, since our message is that Christ has been raised from death, how can some of you say that the dead will not be raised to life? ¹³If that is true, it means that Christ was not raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised from death, then we have nothing to preach and you have nothing to believe. ¹⁵More than that, we are shown to be lying about God, because we said that he raised Christ from death—but if it is true that the dead are not raised to life, then he did not raise Christ. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is a delusion and you are still lost in your sins. ¹⁸It would also mean that the believers in Christ who have died are lost. ¹⁹If our hope in Christ is good for this life only and no more,^[a] then we deserve more pity than anyone else in all the world. ²⁰But the truth is that Christ has been raised from death, as the guarantee that those who sleep in death will also be raised.

Hymn No. 310: *He Lives* (v. 1, projected)

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE:

¹⁷When Jesus had come down from the hill with the apostles, he stood on a level place with a large number of his disciples. A large crowd of people was there from all over Judea and from Jerusalem and from the coast cities of Tyre and Sidon; ¹⁸they had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those who were troubled by evil spirits also came and were healed. ¹⁹All the people tried to touch him, for power was going out from him and healing them all.

²⁰Jesus looked at his disciples and said, "Happy are you poor; the Kingdom of God is yours! ²¹"Happy are you who are hungry now; you will be filled! "Happy are you who weep now; you will laugh!

²²"Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and say that you are evil, all because of the Son of Man! ²³Be glad when that happens and dance for joy, because a great reward is kept for you in heaven. For their ancestors did the very same things to the prophets. ²⁴"But how terrible for

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you who are rich now; you have had your easy life! ²⁵“How terrible for you who are full now; you will go hungry! “How terrible for you who laugh now; you will mourn and weep! ²⁶“How terrible when all people speak well of you; their ancestors said the very same things about the false prophets.

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

*Hymn No. 351: *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior* (vv. 1 and 3, projected)