

Sing Psalm 98 in the arrangement “Sing a New Song to the Lord.”

Pray for God to continue to work in this community of faith and in His Church throughout this region that in all things His supremacy would be shown. Ask the Father to glorify His Son through us and reconcile to Himself our neighbors, coworkers, family, and friends. Cry out to Him for this city and region to be a place where His name is honored above all else.

Saturday, 9/9 **Read** tomorrow’s sermon passage **Deuteronomy 4:1-40** and discuss the rationale for our obedience to God. What does it mean for you today to “be careful and watch yourselves closely” in obeying God’s commands?

Meditate on the power of God’s character and acts of redemption for us.

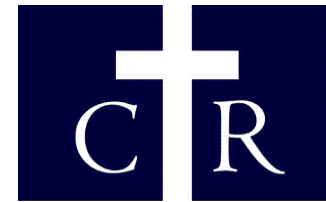
“But as for you, the LORD took you and brought you out of the iron-smelting furnace, out of Egypt, to be the people of his inheritance, as you now are. The LORD was angry with me because of you, and he solemnly swore that I would not cross the Jordan and enter the good land the LORD your God is giving you as your inheritance. I will die in this land; I will not cross the Jordan; but you are about to cross over and take possession of that good land. Be careful not to forget the covenant of the LORD your God that he made with you; do not make for yourselves an idol in the form of anything the LORD your God has forbidden. For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.” 4:20-24

Prepare today for the gathered worship service tomorrow.

Sing “Before the Throne of God Above.”

Pray for your neighbors, co-workers, and family members who are still strangers to Christ that they will be overcome by His grace.

Taking Gathered Worship Home



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Family and Individual Devotions Meditations in Deuteronomy

Week of September 3, 2006

Judgment Belongs to the Lord, Our God.

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Daily Devotionals

Who has the right to judge? God says that He does. In fact He says that He is the *only* One fit to judge as the Judge of all Creation. All earthly kings, judges, governors are to judge fairly because, “judgment belongs to the Lord.” Deuteronomy fleshes out what this means in the first three chapters as we see the judgment of the first generation of the Exodus, the pagan kings of the transjordan, and Moses himself. These judgments are exhibits for Israel’s consideration in God making His case that He alone is the Supreme Judge in all the earth.

Please use the devotional material below each day this week to meet with Jesus. Please pray that we as a community of faith will learn His ways and walk in them to accomplish His purposes.

Sunday, 9/3

Read today’s passage: **Deuteronomy 1:1-18** and consider what it means to do justly. Who determines justice? Why?

Sing

“Before the Throne of God Above”

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1. Before the throne of God above
I have a strong a perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

2. When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

3. Behold Him there the Risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die

My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

Pray asking the God of justice to make His righteousness more and more evident here in Portland. Ask Him to work through His people in establishing justice and remembering mercy.

Monday, 9/4

Read **Deuteronomy 1:19-46**. Why did Israel deserve God’s judgment? Who is able to give land and take it away?

Reflect on what it means to have “the Lord your God carry you.”

Confess your own rebellion and ways in which you have been arrogant.

Sing *Before the Throne of God Above*

Pray for Jesus to be praised with an upright heart as we learn His perfect laws.

Tuesday, 9/5

Read **Deuteronomy 2:1-23**. What does it mean for the Lord’s hand to be against someone? Is He just in doing so?

Pray for CTR as a community of faith to be protected from presumption.

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1. Sing a new song to the Lord,
He to whom wonders belong!
Rejoice in his triumph and tell of his power
O sing to the Lord a new song!

2. Now to the ends of the earth
See his salvation is shown!
And still he remembers his mercy and truth
Unchanging in love to his own.

3. Sing a new song and rejoice,
Publish his praises abroad!
Let voices in chorus with trumpet and horn,
Resound for the joy of the Lord!

4. Join with the hills and the sea,
Thunders of praise to prolong!
In judgment and justice he comes to the earth
O sing to the Lord a new song!

Wednesday, 9/6

Read **Deuteronomy 2:24-37**. Notice how it is the Lord who is giving/delivering throughout this passage.

Meditate on the power of God’s sovereign rule over all nations.

Pray, “Forgive us our sins of disunity, O Lord: pride and jealousy and narrow-mindedness. Forgive us our sins of false unity: cowardice, apathy, and indifference. Make us one in genuine love and mutual trust. Make us many in gifts and talents and vision. Amen.”

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Thursday, 9/7

Read **Deuteronomy 3:1-20**. Why did the warriors of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh have to go over the Jordan when they had just been given new territory? Did that make sense?

Sing “Before the Throne of God Above”

Pray “Almighty God, You have given us all that we have. You have been faithful to all your promises to our fathers before us. We confess that we have not kept Your law. We have neglected Your ways and taken Your blessings for granted, even praising others for what we have received from Your hand. Forgive us and change us Lord we pray. Amen.”

Friday, 9/8

Come to the prayer meeting **this morning at 6:30**.

Read Deuteronomy 3:21-29. Does it seem that God is fair with Moses? Why is He so harsh? Have you ever felt like your prayers have been dismissed? Why was Moses not allowed into the Promised Land?

Discuss the standard of God’s righteousness—perfection.