

Friday, 11/10 Come to the prayer meeting **this morning at 6:30.**

Read **Deuteronomy 21:1-21.** How do these commands honor God's presence in the land?

Discuss the promised land's significance as presented in Deuteronomy.

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, 11/11 Read tomorrow's sermon text **Deuteronomy 26:1-15** and discuss what is meant by "firstfruits." How are you offering these to the Lord?

Meditate on the power of God's redemption in saving us from sin's slavery.

" . . . declare before the LORD your God: 'My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, putting us to hard labor. Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with miraculous signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, O LORD, have given me.' Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. And you and the Levites and the aliens among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household." 26:5-11

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 November 5, 2006

The Purity and Peace of God's People

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Daily Devotionals

What does it mean to purge the evil from God's people? How can we reconcile God's commands with the horrors of witch-hunts and barbarism done in His name? Why is God so passionate about the purity of His people? Why do we care so little about it? This week's passage presses all these and many other questions to the forefront. The promise of redemption is that we will be made completely holy so how do we live in that reality?

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, 11/5 Read today's passage: **Deuteronomy 17:1-23** and consider what it means to purge evil from God's people.

Sing "Before the Throne of God Above" *Bancroft/Cook¹*

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, 11/6 Read **Ephesians 4:17-5:21**. Who are we to be as God's holy people? How do we do this?

Reflect on what it means to be "imitators of God."

Confess your own impurity and ways in which you have not lived rightly.

Sing *Before the Throne of God Above*

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

Tuesday, 11/7 Read **Deuteronomy 17:14-18:22**. Why must we be blameless before the Lord our God?

Pray for CTR as a community of faith to be made more and more blameless.

Sing the song from "Isaiah 43" ²

1. When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you.
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are Mine.

2. When you pass through the fire,
You'll not be burned.
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are Mine.

Chorus Men:

For I am the Lord your God
I am the Lord your God
I am the Holy One of Israel,
Your Saviour. *(repeat)*

Women:

I am the Lord your God.

I am the Holy One of Israel,
Your Saviour *(repeat)*

I am the Lord. (3X)

I am the Lord. *(Together last time)*

Do not fear. (3X)

Wednesday, 11/8 Read **Deuteronomy 19:1-21**. How did cities of refuge help to purge the guilt of shedding innocent blood?

Meditate on the power of God's holiness.

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."

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

Thursday, 11/9 Read **Deuteronomy 20:1-20**. What seems backward or even fool-hardy about the strategy in vv. 5-9? Is their victory dependant on their strength or prowess?

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."