



GOBIN CHURCH
A United Methodist Community for All

Saturday, September 26

Mark 11:27-33 <https://tinyurl.com/y4ghp244>

PONDER

Jesus is mystery. And yet if we look deeper, he wants us to be a seeker of his heart. The mysteries of faith are ours to discover. We have to find those answers within ourselves, within our lives, within our destiny.

PRAYER

God of my life, ruler of my heart, help me seek you in deeper ways this day. Show me your ways and light my path. Thank You. Amen.

ACTION

Ask God what God wants you to know this day. Listen. Pray. Listen again. Be still and know.

DAILY PRAYER MEDITATIONS

Monday, September 21

Exodus 16:31-35 <https://tinyurl.com/y23kcovc>

PONDER

God didn't abandon the Israelites in the desert. They complained. He provided nutrition that kept them alive, kept them going, kept them having purpose in collecting their food six days of the week. How often I hear people complain that they don't know what they are hungry for or they are tired of leftovers or they don't want to make the effort to go to the grocery store. Will we ever stop complaining? Will we ever just keep going, keep praising, keep trusting and keep focusing on the goodness of God's grace, guidance and gifts? The wilderness may last a while – we have to keep living and keep praising.

PRAYER

God, help me always remember that you provide for my every need. You provide in all things, all situations, always and forever. Thank you. Amen.

ACTION

Make a donation to a food pantry. Pray for those who don't see their abundance.

Tuesday, September 22

Romans 16:17-20

<https://tinyurl.com/y2h6m2vo>

PONDER

Divisions are creating chaos in our society and in our world today. The vulnerable are being duped, the wise are stretched thin and God is on the back burner. We have to learn to be wise about what is good in the world so that we can walk with both feet in God's peace and our eyes and hands focused on justice. We are called to create God's peace in the world, not create division. Knowledge, discernment and prayer are our hope for keeping evil at bay. Check facts, check sources, check your gut. It's the little things that keep evil at bay. It's you and it's me.

PRAYER

God of peace and goodness, go with me into this day. May my words be Your Word, may my heart be Your Love and may my actions bring people closer together and closer to You. Thank You. Amen.

ACTION

Fact-check something you hear on the news. Is it true? Is it just? Is it divisive? Does it bring people together or create division?

Wednesday, September 23

Matthew 18:1-5

<https://tinyurl.com/y5zr7nny>

PONDER

Become like this little child. Turn your life around. Be humble. Welcome Jesus. The symbolism is beautiful and deep and SO JESUS! He doesn't bark orders about all we are supposed to do and think. He wants us to seek, to look into our hearts and ask questions and find him. Unless we make an effort to grow, to embrace welcoming Jesus in innocent, child-like, trusting ways we will never know the fullness of God.

PRAYER

Great God of heaven, instruct me in your ways as I seek your presence. Help me be like a child – trusting and vulnerable and accepting of your goodness. Thank You. Amen.

ACTION

Play today. Embrace your inner child.

Thursday, September 24

James 4:11-16

<https://tinyurl.com/y5gh6dye>

PONDER

This rich passage is a recipe for a full Christian life. Don't say evil things, insult, criticize, find fault, judge, boast, brag. Leave out these ingredients. Pay attention because life is short and gone before you know it. I turned 64 last week. The week before my birthday I listened to the song "If I Could Talk to a Younger Me" (Abigail Washburn/Béla Fleck). "Go slow." "Be bold." "Feel the love – watch it overflow ... take this world it's yours to grow." In the large bowl that is your life, mix ingredients of goodness and faithfulness with the love of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit and live into fullness of joy.

PRAYER

God, take my life. Protect me from bad ingredients in Your recipe for my life. Before I vanish, use me for love and healing and goodness among Your people. Thank You. Amen.

ACTION

Ask someone about their day. Don't interrupt – just listen. Humble yourself in the presence of another precious child of God.

Friday, September 25

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16

<https://tinyurl.com/yvvy3hz>

PONDER

The wondrous works of God have flowed down to us here today. Stories of generations of God's people, their praises and their trials and their salvation are our heritage as heirs in Christ. Our lives are continually unfolding into rivers of the goodness of God's grace. God strikes a rock and water flows. When you crack open a geode, light illuminates the sparkling diamonds of delight hidden in the bubbly-surfaced roundness. Ages in the making, geodes delight and intrigue. Our hearts are called to be this delight and Light of God when we encounter one another, family, strangers, adversaries.

PRAYER

God, pour out Your love through me this day. May all I meet know the depth of your goodness and grace. Thank You. Amen.

ACTION

Tell someone where your faith story began.