

Sermons

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[“Wailing and Gnashing and the One-Talent Guy” by John Morris](#)



Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

November 19, 2023

When I signed up to preach this Sunday, I had a sermon in mind that didn't connect directly with any of the readings. I was pretty sure I knew what I wanted to say, and so I didn't start to think about it until maybe a week ago. That was when I discovered that my original topic no longer interested me, and I didn't have anything worth saying about it.

Up to that point, I hadn't even read the lectionary. So when I did, I found the passage from Judges, concerning some ancient quarrels that I had no stake in; the passage from Thessalonians, whose author has the rather sweet belief that drunks only get drunk at night; and . . . THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS.

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[“Jesus, A Holy Man with Crazy Ideas” by Kevin Barwick](#)



Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost

November 12, 2023

Today I'd like to talk with you about Holiness. I know this may conjure up all kinds of memories and perspectives. But it's a concept that's been bouncing around in my brain for a while now. And then it bounced really hard when, several weeks ago, John Morris shared of his dislike and maybe embarrassment of the word "Christian." Before we get it into that I'd like to draw your attention to a poem. It's a poem speaking of her frustrations of reducing God to fit into a particular framework and ideology and challenging a soul to experience the Divine in all aspects of life. I invite you to see which phrase jumps out at you as I read this out loud.

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“For All the Saints” by Margery Zoet Bankson



Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

November, 5, 2023

Text: Matthew 5:1-12

Today we celebrate all the saints who have gone before us – people who have shown us the way to be truly human – living God’s intention for human life. I say that because the root word for salvation is *salvus*, which means *wholeness or completeness*. Saints are people who were truly alive! Juicy! Compassionate and connected to something larger than themselves! Have you known any saints?

As Christians, we honor Jesus as the primary example of God’s intention for human life, but in each generation, there have been people who show us the way, guide us toward wholeness, and make a significant contribution to being a living,

breathing Body of Christ in every generation.

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“Love Your Neighbor as a Cure for Loneliness” **by Margreata Silverstone**



Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost

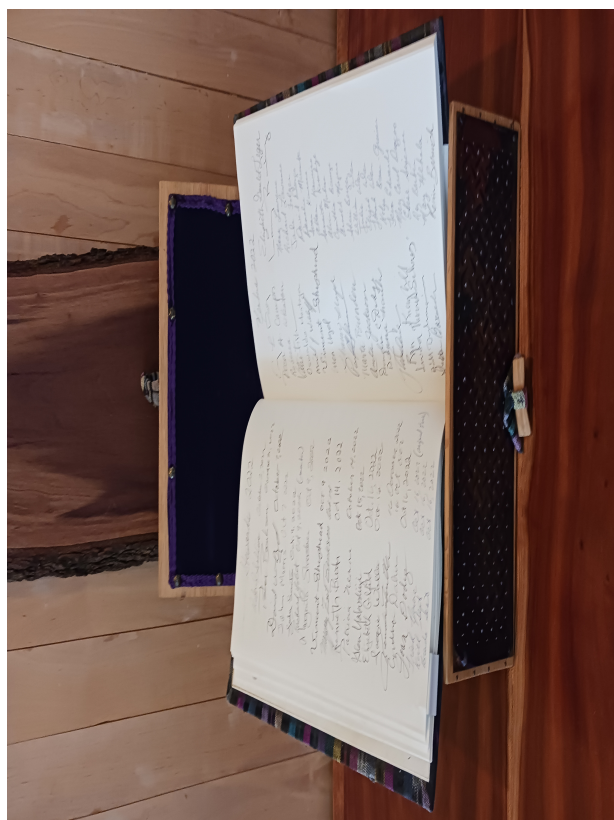
October 29, 2023

When I signed up to preach today, I did not check what the lectionary passages were. I simply had been struck by a message that I needed to share and this was the first Sunday that was open. Frankly, I am not sure I would have had the gall on my own to pick the Sunday with the Greatest Commandment and the Second Like it. Yet, the message that has been in my heart fits.

I will confess I will be holding up a challenge which I do not always follow myself. Not through lack of effort, but that my energy and focus and will do not always align with the commandment. I do not always love God with my full heart and mind and strength. I get tired. My heart is full with sorrow and grief. And at the end of the day my emotional and physical strength have been spent. Certainly I don't always love my neighbor as much as I love myself. Sometimes that gets cut short because I don't love myself. When I am in one of those moods, where I look in the mirror and think I am just fat and lazy and privileged, it is hard to think loving thoughts towards myself. Thinking of loving thoughts of others? Where is love supposed to come from when it isn't inside me?

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[“Recommitment: What Comes Next” by Jeanne Marcus](#)



Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 15, 2023

Recommitment: what a day of gladness and promise. We are grateful for the gifts of the last year of life in Christ and in Seekers community. We look forward to the year ahead, and to experiencing the ways Christ will be present and acting within us, between us and beyond us.

While writing this sermon, I found myself calling to mind the names and faces of those of us who've been on this Recommitment journey these past weeks. And I felt what a miracle it is that exactly these individuals have been linked together as members in Seekers Church today. I don't think this is random. We are the very people who God planned and contrived to bring together here and now: I trust that this has meaning and purpose.

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