

Sermons

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[“I am a Seeker” by Kevin Barwick](#)



August 11, 2024

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

I have to admit that this sermon has been a real struggle. I've found myself resisting putting my thoughts down on paper, or claiming them as my own and, in fact, acting on them in deliberate and intentional ways. In other words, do I really believe what I'm actually thinking and saying?

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[“Rooted and Grounded in Love” by Elizabeth Gellfeld](#)



August 4, 2024

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

The theme of our Summer season, “Grounded in Love,” is taken from the Epistle we read last Sunday, the letter of Paul to the Ephesians, Chapter 3. I’ll read verses 16 and 17, from the New Revised Standard Version.

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. – Ephesians 3:16-17, NRSV

Rooted and grounded in love: The first question that comes to my mind is, what is meant by that word love? For some of you this is probably an easy question, but I didn’t have unconditional love modeled for me as I was growing up, and all life my I have searched for a definition, an understanding, of love.

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[“What Paul \(the Apostle\) and I Learned from Travel” by Cynthia Dahlin](#)



July 28, 2024

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

What a wealth of scripture:

Samuel—giving us the story of David, a formerly good king brought down by his own act of lust and power—which could be a sermon hoping for justice in today's elections.

Psalm 14—a lament about corruption and a prayer for deliverance for the poor.

Ephesians —a prayer that we may have the power to know the love of God and be strengthened by that love and power.

And finally John —The parable of the loaves and fishes, and Jesus walking on water and calming the storm. Food for generations about how and whether these miracles occurred.

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[“HIV, Faith and the 23rd Psalm” by John Hassell](#)



July 21, 2024

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

This sermon was delivered based on readings from the 23rd Psalm and from the late Randy Shilts' book, *And the Band Played On: Politics, People and the AIDS Epidemic*. [The text of the sermon continues below, following the psalm and the excerpt from Randy's book.]

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[“Only Human?” by Cynthia Farrell Johnson](#)



July 14, 2024

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Good morning church. Thank you for the opportunity to worship with you and share a bit about my journey.

Please pray with me: May the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, Gracious God,

our Rock and Our Redeemer. Amen

In studying the texts for this morning's sermon, I found a common theme throughout. Praise and celebration were at the heart of the texts. It was interesting to see the many ways that celebrating God could take place. Making music with various instruments, shouts and sacrifices, sharing cakes and bread as part of a celebratory event, or simply recognizing that the gift of God's grace is worthy of our praise.

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