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*Trinity Sunday, June 12, 2022*

Greeting

Gathering Words:

Brothers and Sister, we come together on this Trinity Sunday to celebrate in word and song and to affirm our faith in God, the Three in One. May we find peace in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Come let us worship together.

**Worship Music I Will Rise**

OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, We come today to worship you, praise you and give thanks to you for your goodness and mercy. We join all your people today who want to know your purposes and make them their own. Help us to know your will and to live accordingly. Teach us, strengthen us, guide us that we may truly be your children. In the name of our Redeemer, your Son Jesus we pray. **AMEN.**

\*OPENING HYMN From All That Dwell Below the Skies #101

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 19: 1-6, 20: 1-2 (ESV)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen**

SPECIAL MUSIC Mark Potts

SHARING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY INVITATION:

The first words of the Bible are about God’s own generosity. God gave us the gifts of a beautiful creation, our home, the good green earth and the animals that live here with us. On this spring morning, we come together to thank God and to offer our gifts so that the ministry of this church will continue to grow and be a blessing to the world. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mighty God, who is both one and three, we praise you as God above us, God beside us, and God within us. We bring our gifts to you in worship and gratitude as our Creator and Provider of all good things. We acknowledge that our relationship with you in all three persons begins and ends on your side of the equation: beginning with your devotion and not our own, beginning with your wisdom and not our own. We come into relationship resting on your grace-filled love and not our intermittent efforts to be faithful in our love for you. Bless these gifts we give and bless the transformational impact they might have. In your holy name, we pray. **Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22: 34-40 (AMPC)

HYMN OF PREPARATION Breathe on Me, Breath of God (Verses 1 & 2) #420

SERMON If You Will… Pastor Lyle

\*CLOSING HYMN Jesus Calls Us (Verses 1-3) #398

BENEDICTION

May God give strength to you and to all; may Christ Jesus bless you with peace; and may the Holy Spirit, whispering within your hearts,

give you assurance that you are God’s children. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our Prayer List:**

Ellen Becker – severe congestion Jody’s husband

Chris Diehl – cancer Libby – eye and bone cancer

Family of John Dirks Gloria Lintner – broken foot

Donna Ettinger – heart attack Megan Weir – deployed

Karl Haver – lung cancer Bonnie Wyniawkyj -family concerns

Lamar Horst – chemo The victims and families of mass shootings

Joan – Janet’s sister

**SUNDAY MORNING OFFERING**

**OFFERING AMT NEEDED EACH WEEK       $1,365**

**OFFERING June 5th  $ 6,803**

**AMT OF OFFERING NEEDED TO DATE     $31,395**

**AMT RECEIVED TO DATE            $35,925**

**BUDGET YTD +$4,530 Attendance – 38 Folks**

**What’s happening at Wiest:**

Adult Sunday School – 1015 Sundays

Bible Study – 1000-1200 Tuesdays with fellowship

Girl Scouts – 1st Thursday of each month

Blessings of Hope – June 25th 1030-1100

**Listening Sessions:**

Pastor Lyle will conduct conversations among all who care to discuss the future of the United Methodist Church and disaffiliation steps. The sessions will be at the church. The dates for these sessions are:

**Sunday, June 12th – 1030 AM (after worship)**

**Monday, June 13th – 400 PM**

Audio of the Sunday message is posted on our church website ([www.wiestchurch.org](http://www.wiestchurch.org)). Video on Wiest Church Facebook page

Lectionary Readings for next week: 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42; Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39.

If You Will

Chapter 22 of Matthew’s Gospel reminds me of a press conference. Jesus is bombarded by questions designed to trap him. First the Pharisees and then the Sadducees ask him tricky questions. Each group is stifled by Jesus’ answers. Finally, a Pharisee lawyer asks Jesus what the greatest commandment is. Jesus summarizes all the commandments in two sentences. Love the Lord your God. And love your neighbor as yourself. You see, the purpose of the commandments is love. We keep them as a way to love both God and neighbor.

Today we look at the theological and narrative context of the Law.

The ten commandments are often referred to as the 10 Words of God given to His chosen people. They are instructions for living. God’s people, freed from Egypt are camped at the base of Mt. Sinai. Moses goes up the mountain to receive instruction from God. God tells Moses what he is to say to the people. Moses is to tell them that God says they have seen what He has done to the Egyptians and how He brought them to Him on eagles’ wings. Only then does God make a claim on our behavior. The law, with its ethical demands on our behavior, comes second — it is literally secondary.

Then God ties the knot that makes the connection. “If you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ There are two crucial points here — two things about the law that are good to know.

The first is that God does not give the law as a means to salvation. God does not give the law as a way to establish relationship with the people. God establishes the relationship and then gives the law.

That leads to the second point about the law. The law is not about us — it is about our neighbors. The Ten Commandments are for free people, for people whom God has freed: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.” “I bore you on eagles’ wings.”

Luther said that, “the person who knows the 10 commandments knows all of scripture.”

If you will obey, you will be free.

Sermon Quiz

1. Jesus summarized all the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_ sentences.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the commandments is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We keep them as a way to love \_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**
4. The ten commandments are often referred to as the 10 \_\_\_\_\_\_ of God given

to His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people.

1. God tells them that He brought them to Him on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wings.
2. “If you \_\_\_\_ indeed \_\_\_\_\_ my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples,”
3. God does not give the \_\_\_\_ as a means to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. The \_\_\_\_ is not about us — it is about our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
5. The Ten Commandments are for free people, for people whom \_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Luther said \_\_\_\_, “the person who knows the 10 commandments knows all of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

Last Week’s Sermon Quiz

1. The disciples were gathered together on the day of Pentecost.
2. Shavuot, the Jewish Pentecost, celebrates the giving of the Torah to Moses.
3. A rushing wind filled the house and the disciples were each touched by fire.
4. People from many countries gathered outside, and the disciples spoke in the native languages of those listening.
5. The Holy Spirit caused this to happen.
6. Some people thought the disciples were drunk.
7. Peter dispels these claims and quotes the prophet Joel.
8. Sons and daughters will prophesy; young men will have visions; and old men will have dreams.
9. On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came to transform people.
10. The Holy Spirit changes lives, then and today.