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Your host today is Rev. Richard Jones. Richard is the pastor at St James UMC. You can contact him by email ([stjamestucson@gmail.com](mailto:stjamestucson@gmail.com)), or by text or phone at (520) 222-8690.

### Bible Reading schedule for this week:

Sunday Luke 10.25-37	Thursday Mark 12.28-34
Monday Deuteronomy 6.4-9	Friday Colossians 3.12-17
Tuesday Leviticus 19.11-18	Saturday 1 John 4.7-12
Wednesday Matthew 22.34-40	Sunday Matthew 16.24-26

This reading schedule with links to the readings is posted daily in our Facebook group (see link above)

### GATHERING

- Welcome
- Prelude: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Welsh Melody
- Arr. Victor Labenske
- \*Call to Worship
- \*Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #89 verses 1,3,4
- \*Passing the Peace

### PROCLAIMING

- "Bless the Lord"
- Prayer for illumination
- Kids' Talk
- Scripture Reading: *Luke 10.25-37*
- Sermon: "Go and Do Likewise"

### RESPONDING

- \*Song: "Here I Am, Lord" #593
- Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostle' Creed*
- Prayers of the People and prayer response song

### THANKSGIVING / COMMUNION: "We Remember You"

Kirk Dearman Arr. Carol Tornquist

- Song: "Revelation Song"
- Lord's Prayer
- Blessing the Elements

### GIVING OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "O Searcher of Hearts" Gene Clarke  
Doxology

### SENDING OUT

- Church News
- Benediction
- Postlude: "Every Day I Will Bless You" Richard Blake

\*Please stand if possible

## “Go and Do Likewise” Luke 10.25-37

25 Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ 26 He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ 27 He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.’ 28 And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’

29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’ 30 Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.” 36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ 37 He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘**Go and do likewise.**’

1-The question that started it all: “What must I do to inherit eternal life?”

A-Notice Jesus does not answer him, but asks him a question.

B-The man gives a standard answer from rabbinic tradition. Love God was the most basic and important Jewish command, arising from the Shema (Deuteronomy 6.4-5). Love your neighbor as yourself, comes from Leviticus 19.18

C-This lawyer was not asking Jesus how to get to heaven or how to get ‘saved’. He was asking Jesus ‘how do I live an eternal-kind of life NOW?’ Or ‘How can I live the kind of life that God wants me to live? How can I please God? How can I follow God’s way?’

D-Jesus tells the lawyer he has it right. Follow this formulation of the law, and you will be living God’s way. Jesus says DO this, and you will live.

2-Here is where it gets real: Who is my neighbor? Jesus turned this around and asked ‘Who was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’. Jesus demonstrated what God intends by telling the man the question is not who do you **HAVE** to love (or treat in a loving way); but the question is who **CAN** I love?

**Refreshments and Conversation** Stop in the Tatom Room (next to the sanctuary) before or after worship for a treat or a cup of coffee. Spend some time in conversation. And yes, feel free to bring your coffee into the sanctuary with you!

## Holy Communion

For the next few weeks, we will take this space in the bulletin to share about the practice of Holy Communion, also called The Lord’s Supper or The Eucharist.

*Why do many United Methodists use grape juice instead of wine?*

Predecessor bodies of The United Methodist Church were deeply involved in the Temperance Movement. Grape juice was originally invented by Thomas Welch, a Methodist, so Methodists and others would not need to use wine for communion. Today, United Methodists still commend, but do not require, abstinence, and may continue to use grape juice in communion out of pastoral concern for people who may have problems with alcohol.

*Does the bread at Holy Communion need to be unleavened?*

Either leavened (in witness to the resurrection) or unleavened (in witness to the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit) may be used.

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(See Luke 10:30-36)

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YOU A BANDAID AND THEN I'M OFF