<sup>27</sup> "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.

#### Welcome to The Presbyterian Church of Saint David 22nd Sunday after Pentecost - November 10, 2019

#### **Opening Responses:**

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise God's great and awesome name. Holy is he!

Prayer of Supplication: (said together)

O God, only you are full of truth; only you are surrounded with light; only you are rich in understanding. As we remember with gratitude and humility the sacrifice many have made in the past for the sake of justice and freedom, we ask for your Spirit to enable us to stand

for justice and freedom and peace. Help us to be faithful and true in everything we do, so that we may not add to the sum of this world's ills, but may be influences for good in all life around us. Be our light in darkness, our wisdom in confusion, our strength in weakness, our comfort in sorrow. Grant that cheerfully we may be moulded to your will until the perfect shape of love be found among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit eternally. Amen.

**Hymn:** Lord of life and Lord of nations <u>734</u>

#### **RESPONSE** in Preparation for the Readings:

- L> Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.
- ALL> Our hearts and minds are open.

**The Word of God:** *Haggai 1:15b-2:9 Luke 6:20-31* 

One> This is the word of the Lord. ALL> Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing, Prayers for Others Communion

### **Prayer:** (said together)

Lord Jesus, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

Hymn: Your kingdom come, O Lord

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# **Blessing:**

L> God sends us into the world, to accept the cost and discover the joy of discipleship.Therefore go--- carrying with you the peace of Christ, the love of God, and the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, in trial and rejoicing.

All> Amen

### Zechariah 7:8-8:8

<sup>8</sup> The word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying: <sup>9</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts: Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another; <sup>10</sup> do not oppress the widow, the orphan, the alien, or the poor; and do not devise evil in your hearts against one another. <sup>11</sup> But they refused to listen, and turned a stubborn shoulder, and stopped their ears in order not to hear. <sup>12</sup> They made their hearts adamant in order not to

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hear the law and the words that the LORD of hosts had sent by his spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great wrath came from the LORD of hosts. <sup>13</sup> Just as, when I called, they would not hear, so, when they called, I would not hear, says the LORD of hosts, <sup>14</sup> and I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations that they had not known. Thus the land they left was desolate, so that no one went to and fro, and a pleasant land was made desolate.

8 The word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying: <sup>2</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great wrath. <sup>3</sup> Thus says the LORD: I will return to Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts shall be called the holy mountain. <sup>4</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts: Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand because of their great age. <sup>5</sup> And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. <sup>6</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts: Even though it seems impossible to the remnant of this people in these days, should it also seem impossible to me, says the LORD of hosts? <sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts: I will save my people from the east country and from the west country; <sup>8</sup> and I will bring them to live in Jerusalem. They shall be my people and I will be their God, in faithfulness and in righteousness.

# Luke 6:20-31

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> "But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.