

Welcome to . . .
The Presbyterian Church of Saint David
February 9, 2020

Matthew 5:13-20

¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter,^[a] not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks^[a] one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Call to Worship: (*Psalm 112:1, 4*)

L> Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

**All> They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

Hymn: Thou shalt arise 67

Prayer: (said together)

**You are gracious, merciful and righteous, O God.
Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
nor heart conceived
what you have prepared for those who love you;
yet in Jesus Christ we have a foretaste.
You bring light into the darkness,
causing the new day to dawn.
We praise you by the power of your Spirit
and in the Name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

RESPONSE in Preparation for the Readings:

L> Listen for the Word that God has spoken;

**ALL> Speak, Lord, to our speaking,
speak, Lord, to our listening,
speak, Lord, to our souls' deep understanding.**

The Word of God: *Isaiah 58:1-12*

Matthew 5:13-20

L> For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

ALL> Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing, Prayers for Others

Communion

Prayer:

**Loving God, you have given us a share
in the one bread and the one cup
and made us one with Christ.**

**Help us to bring your salvation and joy
to all the world.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: Thy kingdom come--on bended knee 784

Blessing:

L> Deep peace of the running wave to you,
 deep peace of the flowing air to you,
 deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
 deep peace of the shining stars to you,
 deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

ALL> Amen.

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### Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back!

    Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion,  
    to the house of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
    and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,  
    they delight to draw near to God.

<sup>3</sup>“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

    Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
    and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
    and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

<sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose,  
    a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
    and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,  
    a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose:  
    to loose the bonds of injustice,  
    to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
    and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
    and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
    and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
    and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
    the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
    you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
    the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

<sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry  
    and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
    and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually,  
    and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
    and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
    like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
    you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
    the restorer of streets to live in.