

Pentecost 17 Year A, September 20th

Presenter: Rev Jon Humphries

Focus Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

Message: 9 minutes 56 seconds

"It's Not Fair"

Discussion Starters

1. What have you thought about that is new to you or a new way of thinking about things?
2. How have things seemed not fair in your life or faith journey?
3. How might we better share love and welcome into God's family unconditionally?
4. Where can we better advocate or work for justice and equity in our society, especially around fair wages for all?

Readings for this day

Exodus 16: 2-15 The people complain of hunger in the desert. God assures the people with daily signs that the One who freed from slavery also helps them through the vulnerability of freedom.

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45 In thanksgiving, the psalmist invites us to remember the mighty deeds of God, who remembers the desert promise and brings people "out with rejoicing" v43.

Philippians 1:21-30 The promise of the Gospel means everything, whether the Apostle lives or dies. For struggling Phillipians, it means the privilege of believing in Christ, even in their suffering.

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Intergenerational Talk

"It's Not Fair!"

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Length: 5 minutes 06 seconds

Precis of IT:

The world is not a 'fair' place as we see many rich and others who for many reasons, do not have enough for daily needs of survival. The world has the power to share and should work for the dignity and good of each person. Jesus came to upturn things so all get a level of what is needed and good, to meet their needs. The workers in the fields were not happy about that!

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 105:1-6, (not listed) 37-45 - pages 325-332

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