FPCE Scripture2 Readings through April 12, 2020

March 31 – Psalm 46-50; Numbers 6; John 9

April 1 – Psalm 51-55; Numbers 35; John 10

April 2 – Psalm 56-60; Zoom Bible Study will be on John 11

April 3 – Psalm 61-65; Deuteronomy 5; Luke 15

April 4 – Psalm 66-70; Deuteronomy 6; Luke 16

April 5 – Psalm 71-75; Matthew 21:1-11 – Sermon "We Should Have Known"

Holy Week

April 6 – Isaiah 42:1-9; Matthew 21:12-46 – Zoom Bible Study

April 7 – Isaiah 49:1-7; Mark 14:1-11

April 8 – Isaiah 50:4-9a; Luke 21

April 9 – Exodus 12:1-10; John 13:1-17, 31b-35 – Zoom Bible Study

April 10 – Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; John 18:1-19:42

April 11 – Day of Prayer, Reflection, and Fasting*

April 12 – Jeremiah 31:1-6, 31-34; Matthew 28:1-10 – Sermon "Hear the Good News!"

*Traditionally Holy Saturday is the last day of Holy Week and ends the season of Lent. It is also known as the Vigil of Easter. The day is traditionally a time of reflection and waiting. The vigil stems back to when Jesus' followers spent this day waiting after his crucifixion. It was the only Saturday on which fasting was permitted in the early days of the Christian church. According to some sources, fasting occurred during the entire day or lasted for 40 hours before the Easter Sunday sunrise during the first century CE.

Fasting can be a rewarding practice. However, fasting is also difficult. While some people fast on Holy Saturday, you are encouraged to take some extra time reflecting on how the disciples felt after watching Jesus die on the cross. You are encouraged to pray, maybe abstain from social media, and prepare yourself for Easter.

Web Resources

Daily Lectionary: https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily.php?year=A

PC(USA) Daily Lectionary Page: https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary/

Here is our denomination web site: Presbyterian Church (USA): https://www.pcusa.org/

Our Northwest Coast Presbytery: https://www.northwestcoast.org/

Our church: www.firstpreschurch.com