

## Readings for July 10, 2022

### United Church of Strafford Hybrid In-person and Zoom Service

#### **Responsive Reading** *from Galatians 5 & 6*

Leader: For freedom Christ has set us free!

**People: Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again**

**to a yoke of slavery.** Leader: For you were called to freedom,  
only do not use your freedom  
as an opportunity for self-indulgence,

**People: But through love become bound to one another.**

Leader: For the whole law is summed up  
in a single commandment,  
“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

**People: If we live by the Spirit,  
let us also be guided by the Spirit.**

Leader: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, generosity,  
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

**People: You shall reap what you shall sow.  
If you sow to the Spirit,  
you will reap life without end from the Spirit.**

Leader: So let us not grow weary in doing what is right.

**People: Whenever we have an opportunity,  
let us work for the good of all.**

**All: For freedom Christ has set us free!**

Luke 9:1-5, 57-10:3, 17

Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, <sup>2</sup>and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. <sup>3</sup>He said to them, ‘Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money—not even an extra tunic. <sup>4</sup>Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there. <sup>5</sup>Wherever they do not welcome you, as you are leaving that town shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.’ <sup>6</sup>They departed and went through the villages, bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere.

<sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” <sup>59</sup>To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” <sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” <sup>61</sup>Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

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10:1 After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. 2He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. 3Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves....”

17The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!”