

Readings for July 24, 2022

United Church of Strafford Hybrid In-person and Zoom Service

Responsive Reading *from Psalm 25*

Leader: To you, O God, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame.

**People: Make me to know your ways, O God;
teach me your paths.**

Leader: Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

**People: Be mindful of your mercy, O God,
and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

Leader: Do not remember the sins of my youth
or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O God!

**People: Good and upright are you;
therefore you instruct sinners in the way.**

Leader: You lead the humble in what is right,
and teach the humble your way.

**People: All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep your covenant and decrees.**

Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the

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other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.'

Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy."

Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."