

# MESSAGE NOTES

**Sunday, September 20th**

# DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

## VERSE OF THE WEEK:

“The Israelites said to them, ‘Oh, how we wish that the LORD had just put us to death while we were still in the land of Egypt. There we could sit by the pots cooking meat and eat our fill of bread. Instead, you’ve brought us out into this desert to starve this whole assembly to death’” (Exodus 16:3, CEB).

## DAILY PRAYER:

O merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## DAILY READINGS:

**Monday, September 21, 2020:** Psalm 119:97-104; Exodus 16:31-35; Romans 16:1-16

**Tuesday, September 22, 2020:** Psalm 119:97-104; Numbers 11:1-9; Romans 16:17-20

**Wednesday, September 23, 2020:** Psalm 119:97-104; Numbers 11:18-23, 31-32; Matthew 18:1-5

**Thursday, September 24, 2020:** Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Isaiah 48:17-21; James 4:11-16

**Friday, September 25, 2020:** Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Numbers 20:1-13; Acts 13:32-41

**Saturday, September 26, 2020:** Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Numbers 27:12-14; Mark 11:27-33

## LECTIONARY TEXTS (THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST):

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4;  
Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION/JOURNALING/DISCUSSION:

1. How did you respond to this week’s message? What insights or questions did it raise for you?
2. What are the “good ol’ days” for you?
3. How do you respond to change in your life?
4. What complaints do you currently have?
5. How is God calling you forward through your hardships to a promised land?
6. In what ways can you adopt a habit of gratitude in the midst of trials?
7. Read the lectionary texts for next Sunday. What questions do they raise for you?

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER GUIDE:

Monday - Pray for those impacted by hurricane Sally.

Tuesday - Pray all those suffering as a result of the forest fires throughout the western US.

Wednesday - Pray for those battling sickness and disease.

Thursday - Pray for the healing of our country in a divisive election year.

Friday - Pray for the country of Peru, which now has the highest mortality rate in the world among coronavirus patients.

Saturday - Pray for the Lord to move in a powerful way during our worship, both for those at the drive-in service and those participating online.