

SERMON NOTES

17th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 20, Year A * September 14, 2023

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Jonah 3:10-4:11 * Psalm 145 * Philippians 1:21-30 * Matthew 20:1-16

WHO Are We?

A PARISH FAMILY:

The Parable (story) of the workers in the vineyard Matthew 20:1-16

LOVING GOD,

Psalm 145:1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *

and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you * and praise your Name for ever and ever.

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS,

Jonah became angry and prayed to the LORD, "Isn't this what I said when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity."

Jonah 4:1-3

LOVING ONE ANOTHER,

What shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith.

Philippians 1:21-25

PAST & FUTURE ATTRACTIONS:

September 17: **WHY** Do We Do What We Do?

September 24: **WHO** Are We?

October 1: **WHAT** Are We Doing?

October 8: **HOW** Do We Do What We Do?

October 15: **WHEN** and **WHERE** Do We Do What We Do?

Next Week's Lessons

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 * Psalm 25 * Philippians 2:1-13 *

Matthew 21:23-32

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, small group, or a friend

1. How is the Messiah family like a family to you? Or not?
2. What is one of your favorite ways to love God? Why?
3. What is one way you love your neighbors as yourself?
4. What is one way you love your fellow Christians like Jesus loves you?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for your Messiah family.
 - ✦ Thanking God for opportunities to love God, your neighbors, and fellow Christians.
 - ✦ For grace to love them all even more.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.