

*Readings from Matthew chapter 17—September 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

14 And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, 15 "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. 16 So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." 17 Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." 18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. 19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" 20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. 21 However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

*Sunday: What is epilepsy?* **Pray** that Tri-Lakes (Monument, Colo.) RPC would be a light and faithful witness in their new location. **Pray** for those who need jobs.

*Monday: What is a demon?* **Pray** for Terre Haute, Ind., RPC's first deacon election, coming up in October; **give thanks** for God's sustaining the congregation in its first two years as an organized church. **Pray** for unity in Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery.

*Tuesday: Instead of a literal mountain, to what was Jesus referring?* **Pray** for Shawnee, Kan., RPC. **Pray** for our nation, that she would repent and turn to Jesus.

*Wednesday: How big is your faith?* **Give thanks** for the new babies who have been or are yet to be born this year to families in Lisbon, N.Y., RPC. **Pray** for the gospel to go forth with power and authority, for the conviction and conversion of sinners.

*Thursday: How serious are you about prayer?* **Please pray** for Hudson/St. Lazare (Vaudreuil-Dorion, Que.) RPC's summer prayer walk ministry, as pandemic restrictions continue to be lifted. **Pray** for the growth of Birmingham (Ala.) RPC.

22 Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, 23 and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up." And they were exceedingly sorrowful. 24 When they had come to Capernaum, those who received the temple tax came to Peter and said, "Does your Teacher not pay the temple tax?" 25 He said, "Yes." And when he had come into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take customs or taxes, from their sons or from strangers?" 26 Peter said to Him, "From strangers." Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are free. 27 Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you."

*Friday: What was the temple tax? (Read Exodus 30:11-16.)* **Pray to God** for His blessing to bring growth in faith and numbers at Terre Haute, Ind., RPC. **Pray** for those in our flock who have health issues. **Pray** for SW Ohio RPC, Mason, O. **Pray** for the ministry of the RP Church in India and Pakistan.

*Saturday: Over what things does Jesus show His sovereignty by means of this miracle?* **Pray** for creativity, wisdom, and faithfulness in supporting missionaries sent from Second (Indianapolis, Ind.) RPC. **Pray** for the service at ARPC tomorrow.

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## Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 84:10-12

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 5A

“O Jehovah, Hear My Words”

Scripture Reading

Numbers 25

\*Psalm 35C  
Stood”

“False Witnesses Against Me

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 139C

“Thy Thoughts, O God, to Me Are Dear”

Scripture Text

Psalm 97

The Sermon

“Hate Evil”

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 97B

“They Who of Idols Boast Are Shamed”

\*Benediction

\*Psalm 134B

“Praise the Lord, All Servants of the Lord”

*\* Congregation will please stand.*

*We are so glad that you could join us today!* Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

### Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

**“Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.”—Exodus 20:8.**

**“As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.”—Psalm 42:1.**

**Q. 38. *What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?*** A. At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

**Q. 83. *Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?*** A. Some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.

**Q. 84. *What doth every sin deserve?*** A. Every sin deserveth God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

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*We welcome to our pulpit today the Rev. Steven Work. A graduate of Sterling (Kan.) College and Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pastor Work has pastored churches in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, California, and Kansas. Though retired from the pastorate, he remains active in ministry, serving as an elder at the Southwest Ohio Reformed Presbyterian Church, Mason, Ohio, and Moderator of the Atlanta Commission.*

### Sermon Outline

A. Our hatred must be pervasive

B. Our hatred must be principled

D. Our hatred must be practical

C. Our hatred must be positive

E. Our hatred must be personal