

Grace UCC Daily Readings



October Daily Readings

Dear Friends,

This month includes readings from a very misunderstood book, the book of Job. Now, first, Job is not real. It's a story told to tell a theological truth, although there may well have been someone named Job (or not) who was well known for his many misfortunes and losses. We talk about the patience of Job. Well in the readings we see Job wasn't actually very patient. He challenges God on several occasions. But more disturbing is the supposed tie between Job's behavior and his suffering. I have heard well meaning people link luck and suffering. "What did I do, that God is doing this to me?" 2 truths emerge: 1) God isn't doing any of this to Job. The tempter is. Truth: God doesn't will bad things to teach us lessons. That's antiquated Sunday School theology and a grave misunderstanding of the Scriptures. 2) What did Job do to deserve his misfortunes? Even his friends and wife ask what he did to anger God! Truth: Job did nothing! THAT'S THE POINT OF THE STORY!! Job was being tested NOT by God, but by evil. The message of Jonah is precisely this: When bad things happen, it is NOT punishment or God's will. And in those moments when our faith is shaken, we can rely of the faithfulness of our God to see us through all the way to the end. Enjoy the Month!

Friday, October 1, 2021: Psalm 26; Job 4:1-21; Romans 8:1-11

Saturday, October 2, 2021: Psalm 26; Job 7:1-21; Luke 16:14-18

Sunday, October 3, 2021: Proper 22 (27)



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Monday, October 4, 2021: Psalm 55:1-15; Job 8:1-22;
1 Corinthians 7:1-9

Tuesday, October 5, 2021: Psalm 55:1-15; Job 11:1-20;
1 Corinthians 7:10-16

Wednesday, October 6, 2021: Psalm 55:1-15; Job 15:1-35; Matthew 5:27-36

Thursday, October 7, 2021: Psalm 90:12-17; Deuteronomy 5:1-21; Hebrews 3:7-19

Friday, October 8, 2021: Psalm 22:1-15; Job 18:1-21; Hebrews 4:1-11

Saturday, October 9, 2021: Psalm 22:1-15; Job 20:1-29; Matthew 15:1-9

Sunday, October 10, 2021: Proper 23 (28)

Monday, October 11, 2021: Psalm 39; Job 26:1-14; Revelation 7:9-17

Tuesday, October 12, 2021: Psalm 39; Job 28:12-29:10; Revelation 8:1-5

Wednesday, October 13, 2021: Psalm 39; Job 32:1-22; Luke 16:19-31

Thursday, October 14, 2021: Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b; Job 36:1-16; Romans 15:7-13

Friday, October 15, 2021: Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b; Job 37:1-24; Revelation 17:1-18

Saturday, October 16, 2021: Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b; Job 39:1-30; Luke 22:24-30

Sunday, October 17, 2021: Proper 24 (29)

Monday, October 18, 2021: Psalm 75; Job 40:1-24; Hebrews 6:1-12

Tuesday, October 19, 2021: Psalm 75; Job 41:1-11; Hebrews 6:13-20

Wednesday, October 20, 2021: Psalm 75; Job 41:12-34; John 13:1-17



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Thursday, October 21, 2021: Psalm 34:1-8; 2 Kings 20:12-19; Hebrews 7:1-10

Friday, October 22, 2021: Psalm 34:1-8; Nehemiah 1:1-11; Hebrews 7:11-22

Saturday, October 23, 2021: Psalm 34:1-8; Job 42:7-9; Mark 8:22-26

Sunday, October 24, 2021: Proper 25 (30)

Monday, October 25, 2021: Psalm 28; Isaiah 59:9-19; 1 Peter 2:1-10

Tuesday, October 26, 2021: Psalm 28; Ezekiel 18:1-32; Acts 9:32-35

Wednesday, October 27, 2021: Psalm 28; Ezekiel 14 12-23; Matthew 20:29-34

Thursday, October 28, 2021: Psalm 146; Ruth 1:18-22; Hebrews 9:1-12

Friday, October 29, 2021: Psalm 146; Ruth 2:1-9; Romans 3:21-31

Saturday, October 30, 2021: Psalm 146; Ruth 2:10-14; Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, October 31, 2021: Proper 26 (31)



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