

Seasonal Notebook - Harvest



Harvest 2019 (Year C)

Planning: June/July, 2019

Implementation: August 25- November 24, 2019

SEASON SUMMARY

Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time continues into the fall, which also typically coincides with both Stewardship and Thanksgiving. Ordinary time is not named because it isn't anything special. It comes from the Latin word for numbered, and so they are the numbered days that anchor our liturgical seasons. The color of Ordinary Time is Green. For Ordinary Time between Pentecost and Christ the King Sunday, there are two reading options for the Revised Common Lectionary. The "Semi-Continuous" track keeps us in the same Old Testament book of the Bible for weeks at a time, giving a fuller sense of particular books or narratives. The Psalm selection has some thematic connection with the Old Testament reading. This is the track that the PC(USA) tends to default to, but there is another shared option, as well. The "Complementary" track has a different Old Testament and Psalm reading which are chosen as complements to the Epistle and Gospel readings. For the notebook, the semi-continuous track scriptures are listed, but teams have the option of looking at the other, as well.

World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday is always celebrated on the first Sunday of October. It celebrates our unity as one body of Christ, and often invites us to think about our connection to the global church with a focus on peace and justice. It also concludes the "Season of Peace," which begins in September, inviting members to practice peace in our daily lives. Often the denomination will produce materials that can be helpful for worship and nurture for a focus on peacemaking and global witness, which might use alternative Scripture readings.

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

This is the final Sunday of the liturgical year, and coincidentally often falls around Thanksgiving. The last few weeks of Ordinary Time build toward this Sunday, which brings texts that are often "apocalyptic" in nature. Themes of the final days, judgment, and the return of Christ are all prominent. If Advent begins the

liturgical calendar anticipating Christ, Christ the King completes it with the final coming of Christ or the coming of God's kingdom to this earth. For this Sunday we return to White paraments.

Peace and Global Witness Offering

This is a denominational special offering that promotes the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. It is always received on World Communion Sunday. Congregations are urged to retain 25% of the monies received for a local effort that fits within those aims. The Harvest team should discuss and recommend an option for this portion of the offering, which might connect with the mission component for the Season. Session will approve the designation, and it can be advertised to let members know what will be supported when the offering is received.

Often, the church has either a one or two-day/overnight retreat during this season (alternating between the two every other year). Availability at Massanetta Springs (or another location) should be checked ASAP to reserve our date(s). The Stewardship season is also a significant component for this season. Additional events are at the discretion of the Season Team.

Scripture Readings

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Proper 16)

First Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

Second Reading Hebrews 12:18-29

Gospel Luke 13:10-17

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Proper 17)

First Reading Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalms 81:1, 10-16

Second Reading Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Proper 18)

First Reading Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

Second Reading Philemon 1-21

Gospel Luke 14:25-33

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Proper 19)

First Reading Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Psalms 14:1-7

Second Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel Luke 15:1-10

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Proper 20)

First Reading Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Psalms 79:1-9

Second Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel Luke 16:1-13

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Proper 21)

First Reading Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
Second Reading 1 Timothy 6:6-19
Gospel Luke 16:19-31

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Proper 22) (World Communion Sunday)

First Reading Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26

Psalm 137:1-9

Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Gospel Luke 17:5-10

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Proper 23)

First Reading Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Psalm 66:1-12

Second Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Gospel Luke 17:11-19

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Proper 24)

First Reading Jeremiah 31:27-34

Psalm 119:97-104

Second Reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Gospel Luke 18:1-8

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Proper 25)

First Reading Joel 2:23-32

Psalm 65:1-13

Second Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel Luke 18:9-14

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Proper 26)

First Reading Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Psalm 119:137-144

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Gospel Luke 19:1-10

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Proper 27)

First Reading Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

Psalm 98:1-9

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Gospel Luke 20:27-38

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Proper 28)

First Reading Isaiah 65:17-25

First Reading Isaiah 12

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Gospel Luke 21:5-19

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

First Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6

Gospel Luke 1:68-79

Second Reading Colossians 1:11-20

Gospel Luke 23:33-43

Thanksgiving Day

First Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 100:1-5

Second Reading Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel John 6:25-35

NOTES

SEASON WORKSHEET

THEME:

WORSHIP AND MUSIC IDEAS

(Overall as well as for particular services - think through music, decor, art, liturgical elements, congregational songs and responses, playground coordination, special services, etc....)

When will we celebrate Communion? (dates need to be approved by the Session)

EDUCATION IDEAS:

(consider all ages and stages, formats, days, times, etc...)

TAKE-HOMES/FAMILY RITUALS:

(each season should have some "take-home" practice or tangible item that can help families connect with the Scriptures and season at home.)

MISSION IDEAS:

(Include denominational offerings, if applicable. Check calendars for regularly scheduled opportunities. Plan or connect with at least one mission opportunity that can be opened up to the congregation for the season)

FELLOWSHIP IDEAS:

PUBLICITY PLANS

(Think of how we can intentionally reach out to our neighbors and community, as well)

PLANS FOR NURTURE, INCLUDING LEADERSHIP FOR ALL AGES

REGULAR VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Liturgists and Communion Servers

The liturgist meets in advance of the worship service with the pastor to plan and lead worship. Members of the Seasonal Team are encouraged to sign up for this, and recruit others who would bring particular gifts to the season and worship services. Any slots unfilled will be filled by the pastor. On days when communion is served, we need 3 ordained elders in addition to the pastor signed up to serve. If the Liturgist is ordained, only 2 additional elders are needed.

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Volunteers with Children

Each week a volunteer is needed to sit with the children in the playground and provide nursery backup if needed.

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Coffee/Fellowship

These volunteers must arrive early enough to set up coffee, tea and snacks. Following fellowship hour the volunteers are required to clean up; including washing dishes, wiping down tables, and throwing away all trash. This can be done by one person/family who comes early and stays late or by two volunteers who split the work.

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SPECIAL BUDGETARY NEEDS

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Cost

EVALUATION NOTES

What went well? What was “meh”? What didn’t go well? What advice would you give to future teams?