



18 OCTOBER 2020

Please join us for worship on Facebook at 9 am this Sunday morning so we can all worship together.

Lectionary Readings

This Week October 18

Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

Next Week October 25

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

HSC 2020

The HSC starts on Tuesday. Please pray for those students sitting the exam, especially our own Helen and Luke, and for their families during the next few weeks.

Craft Group

Our Craft Group have resumed meeting in person on Wednesday nights from 7pm. They have a COVID Safety plan in place so if you would like to join them, bring your current craft project along next Wednesday night. For more details please contact Kaye or Julie T.

Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and give to God what belongs to God Matthew 22:15-22

The religious leaders were seeking to trap Jesus so they asked him whether it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar. Jesus responded by suggesting they give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

In his response, Jesus was drawing a sharp distinction between two kingdoms. There is a kingdom of this world, and Caesar held power over it. But there is another kingdom, not of this world, and Jesus holds its power, the Kingdom of God.

We as Christians are part of both kingdoms, at least temporarily. Under Caesar, under the government, we have certain obligations that involve material things, like paying our taxes, defending our country, voting and so forth. Under Christ, we have other obligations that involve things that are eternal.

Give Caesar his due—the temporary stuff of this world—but make sure to give God His due: You! and everything eternal about you. I guess what we need to understand is when we give to God his dues, our all, we gain everything.

The Pharisees have taken their stake in the earthly kingdom of the Government of their time, they are not able to see that Jesus is bringing them a heavenly Kingdom that is so much greater than any earthly power.

Can we today, amongst the calamity and chaos of the world, see the eternal Kingdom that Jesus is talking about?

We need to give to God what belongs to God, that means ourselves, our belongings, our homes and even our children. Giving to God is an act of love because we are giving back to God who first loved us and gave us everything we have. We give to God because we look forward to all eternity in the Kingdom of God. - Lola