

WEEKDAY WORSHIP

October 14-20, 2019

Worship as encounter with the living God cannot be limited to one hour per week. "Weekday Worship" invites you to extend your worship beyond the sanctuary, to hear the story of the Bible as your story, lived out each day of each week. Feedback is appreciated and should be directed to Rita Boyer.

BIBLE READING

This week's reading is: Luke 18:1–8 (<http://bible.oremus.org/?q|=435742659>).

Other readings are: Jeremiah 31:27–34; Psalm 119:97–104; 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5.

The theme is: Faith Persists.

Stories of corrupt politicians, vicious partisan attacks, racial discrimination, hate crimes, and economic injustice are all too commonplace in the daily news. Fatigue is understandable! There are days when it is hard to live in such a world and harder still to think that we can change things. Why should we even try? To those of us who have experienced such fatigue, Jesus tells a story. It is a story of a judge who serves his own interests rather than the interest of justice. Knowing that, however, does not stop a widow from demanding that he do his job and grant her the justice she seeks. Even though, as a widow, she is not granted access to the courts, she refuses to accept the unnamed wrong that has been done to her. Even though she knows the judge is self-serving, the society is patriarchal, and she has no power, she keeps demanding justice. She does not suffer fatigue, or at least she does not let the fatigue stop her! Finally, she wears the judge down, and he rules on the side of justice simply to get rid of her. Faith persists, despite the brokenness of the world. Despite evidence to the contrary, God's justice will prevail. Faith keeps us knocking. Faith keeps us speaking out. Faith keeps us working for the justice and peace that God desires and promises.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

"Questions to Consider" enable you to connect your story to the biblical story. Rather than easy questions to be answered at first glance, these questions or reflections can be returned to and meditated upon throughout the week.

**In a world that resists God's ways, how do we combat fatigue
and persistently embody and proclaim those ways?**

Continue to reflect upon the worship theme of October 13:

**It was a Samaritan who returned to thank Jesus. Look for truth and examples of
grace in unexpected places!**

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