

Dear United Church Members and Friends,

This Sunday's scripture reading in Luke 18 is from the Revised Common Lectionary. It is a parable Jesus told, about two people who went up to the Temple to pray and offered two very different prayers. Jesus was speaking to religious leaders (and anyone with ears to listen) who considered themselves "righteous" and above others. The Pharisee's prayer in the parable expressed this attitude through and through! The other person who prayed was a tax collector. His prayer was quite different. Even if we haven't read or heard this parable before, we can probably guess whose prayer Jesus used as a good example and whose he indirectly criticized. The reading ends with a lesson to all about humility and hope.

How are the prayers we pray different than either of these? How do they resemble the humility of the tax collector? Can you think of times when you exhibited humility in your daily life? What was meaningful and challenging about those times? Does it help us to develop a habit of genuine humility in our living?

Join us for worship this Sunday, October 26th at 9:30am in the sanctuary or online at unitedchurchla.org.

Scripture Reading: Luke 18:9-14

Sermon: "Unjustified Mercy"

Classes for all ages begin at 11am.

Trunk-or-Treat is TODAY (Friday) from 4-6pm in the United Church's west parking lot!

Care Packages: This will be the last Sunday to bring snacks, supplies, and notes for the care packages to our college students (in Fellowship Hall). Thank you!

Next Sunday, November 2nd we will celebrate The United Church's Anniversary Sunday and honor All Saints' Day and those members who joined the "great cloud of witnesses" this past year. Hebrews 12:1

Grace and peace,
David