# Daily Readings: The God Who Is Different - Holy

When Isaiah entered into the presence of a Holy God, he realized how unholy he was. That's why he said, "It's all over, I'm doomed, for I am a sinful man." But in that moment, he began to realize that God's intentions towards him were good, and God wanted to take the unholy mess out of him and replace it with his own personal holiness.

**MONDAY – Read Isaiah 6:1-8.** What a powerful picture: The glory of God filling the temple, the place filled with smoke, the whole scene quaking as the winged beings shout, very loudly, "Holy, holy, holy!" What words, phrases, or other details stick out to you in this passage? What pictures, images, ideas, or thoughts come to mind?

**TUESDAY – Read Psalm 99.** "What we say is determined by who we say it to." How we approach God says much about how we view Him. What does your approach to God reveal about what you think of Him and of yourself? Do you ever think of God as "my personal assistant," or "my errand boy"? What adjustments need to be made in your life so we can more accurately view God?

**WEDNESDAY – Read Ephesians 1:4-5; Hebrews 10:14.** The Holy Spirit's job is to help us become what the Father has already declared us to be – holy! So God's work is in progress! Spend time thinking (talking) about how this plays out: We are perfected forever ("already accomplished"), while being made holy ("in-process"). ?

**THURSDAY – Read Genesis 3:7 and 2 Corinthians 7:10.** Their eyes were opened. Their sin brought a sense of sadness and conviction. And that's not a bad thing. What do we need to understand about God's grace so our sorrow for sin can be transformative instead of paralyzing?

**FRIDAY – Read Ephesians 5:1-20.** Pastor Don said, "There is a seismic difference between God as a concept (idea) and God as a reality." Think about the way we justify our actions with excuses: "God I know you don't want me to \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_." How have you filled in these blanks in a way you regret? What has changed (or needs to change) to see transformation happen in this area of your life?

**SATURDAY – Read Matthew 8:1-4, 9:20-23; Luke 11:11-17.** Jesus' contact with the leper, the bleeding woman and the dead boy should have made him "unclean," but instead his holiness and purity transfers to them, healing and restoring their bodies. What does that teach us about our own "uncleanness" and trusting in Jesus' holiness and goodness to cleanse and heal us?

# **Weekly Prayer Concerns**

Prayer is vital to everything we do at the Wadsworth UMC. In prayer, we do not simply ask for our needs, or the needs of others, to be met, but seek God's presence and ask Him to bring His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. In prayer, we enjoy time with God, knowing that He welcomes us as His beloved children.

## (Please be sure to update your prayer concerns.)

Please mention these persons and others in your prayers this week.

### **Hospitalized & Extended Care**

David Byers – The Sanctuary

**Hospice Care** 

## **Pre-Surgery/Treatment**

Albert Wohlwend Warren Goldston Dan Nichols Beryl Fisk – broken leg Leanna Freund – lymphoma Jack Sensauskas & Family

#### **Bereavement & Grief**

The Family of Betty Venter
The Family of Michelle Lenahan
(Shelia Oakes' sister)
The Family of Lee Ferguson
(Jeri Hutter's brother)
The Family of Ruth Boe
(Pat Biddle's sister)
The Family of Marye Belcasto

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

- Psalm 91:15

#### **Active Duty Military**

Brian Anderson
Russell Conway
Andrew Hickle
Daniel & Sierra Howard
Jeff Keenan
Jacob McIlvaine
Austin McNamara
Zachary Ramsay
Glenn Schroeder
Alex Staub
Scott Valentine
Michael Wallet
Austin Wolfinger

#### Medical/Health Concerns

Lois Turner RuthAnn Simon Sandy Nedoh Linda Martin Charlotte Danals

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