



**CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER**  
United Church of Christ



## Reflections from Pastor Brooke for October 9, 2020

*Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times. ~ Psalm 106:3*

**REMINDER: If you are unsure whether there will be service on the lawn on October 18, please call 440-467-2328 and listen to the message.**

How does observing justice and doing righteousness make *us* happy? Shouldn't it make the person receiving the justice happy? Except that when we observe justice and do righteousness, we are changed. We may learn something about ourselves or a different way of looking at things. It is rare that when we are changed, it is not for the better.

Of course, there are those times in which we wish we were not changed: due to the death of a loved one or some other tragedy in our lives that leaves us changed. But when we are observing justice, we are changed for the better. What does justice look like?

I would say that justice is looking out for those who have less than we do — not out of pity, but out of a sense of being followers of Jesus. Jesus said that when we do it for the least of us, we do it for him. Not only are we followers of Jesus, but we also serve Jesus. When we observe justice, we are not thinking of ourselves first, but are putting others before us. When we do that, we are changed, because we see the world from a different perspective: not from where we sit, but from where someone else sits.

So let us observe justice and do righteousness at all times, not just so that we can be happy, but so that we can be faithful followers and servers of Jesus.

*Blessings,*

**NOTE: Pastor Brooke will be out of the office October 12-18, so there will be no Monday Musings or Friday Reflections next week.**