

# The Rector's Message: Schedule of Requested Sermon Topics for Summer, 2008

In publishing the topics of the sermons for the next few months, we are letting those of you who have requested these topics know when they will be addressed. In addition, however, I want to encourage you to use this list as a way of considering what might be of interest to your unchurched friends. In this way, you will be fulfilling the call we have to share the Good News with others in an easy and sensitive manner

July 6—"Understanding non-Christian faiths in an orthodox context."

July 13—"How to Relieve the Anxieties of Life."

July 20—"Books of the Old Testament" & "When is the Sabbath; must we keep it; and how do we keep it? (generally, Old Testament Law in New Testament life.)"

July 27—"What is the difference between fatalism and trusting God?" & "Prayer: How are we to understand the effect our prayer has? There is a saying that through prayer God is not changed, but we are changed. What about Bishop's Spong's objection that some people aren't being prayed for, and therefore not receiving that benefit? What difference does it make? Wouldn't God do what He wants/needs to do anyway?"

August 3—"Death & Dying"; "Do just humans go to heaven?"; "Death seems so scary. Should we be afraid to die? If not, why are we?" (three requests on the subject of death)

August 10—"Christian Discipline."

August 17—"Does ambition have a place in a Christian's life?"

August 24—"Oxford Movement high points."

August 31—"A sermon on the entire 150 Psalms—five books, types of verses, etc."

September 7—"The role of Creeds vs. the Protestant Catechisms (Heidelberg, etc.)"

September 14 (Holy Cross Day) - "Grace: How do we give and receive grace?"

September 21 (St. Matthew) - "Lesser known disciples—what happened to them after the Resurrection?"

October 12—Psalm 23.

If you wish to speak to the preacher before your topic is scheduled to help explain your topic, please don't hesitate.

Blessings,

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