

## SERMON NOTES

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 11, Year B \* July 18, 2021

Sermon by the Reverend Julie Altenbach

2 Samuel 7:1-14a \* Psalm 89:20-37 \* Ephesians 2:11-22 \*

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

### A Piece of Peace

#### Ephesians 2:14 -18

**14** For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, **15** by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, **16** and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. **17** He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. **18** For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

#### Ephesians 2:19-22

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, **20** built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. **21** In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. **22** And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

### Next Week's Lessons

2 Samuel 11:1-15 \* Psalm 14 \* Ephesians 3:14-21 \*

John 6:1-21

## Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. What are things that keep you from feeling at peace?
2. What does peace look and feel like to you?
3. Who is someone you know that seems to be at peace? What about them makes you feel this way?
4. What story or scripture from the Bible helps you remember that God promises to be our peace?
5. PRAY:
  - ✦ Thanking God for offering to be our peace.
  - ✦ For peace in our nation, Haiti, Cuba|and other parts of the world that are in distress.
  - ✦ Opportunities to share with others about the love of Christ and how it can transform lives.
  - ✦ Asking God to bring peace in areas of our lives that we are struggling with.
  - ✦ For any needs in your group.