

Daily Morning Message

St Paul United Church of Christ

5312 Old Blue Rock Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45247

Allen M Fluent, Pastor

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Daily Lectionary Readings *Psalm 42*
Exodus 18:13-27
Philippians 1:15-21

Today's Scripture Verse: *Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. You will surely wear yourself out, both you and these people with you. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone." (Exodus 18:17-18)*

What it means: Moses' father-in-law Jethro was clearly an extraordinary person, who offered sage advice. He observed Moses acting as the judge in all disputes, and he told him that he was taking too much control and would wear himself out with this. Pastors and committed lay leaders alike often make the mistake of trying to make everything run as they think it should, when what is really needed is a partnership in the fellowship to share in decision-making under the guidance of Scripture interpreted through the life and teachings of Jesus. Control is what we seek when we lose trust in God.

Our time of prayer: Thank you, God, for the wisdom contained in love, and for the fellowship that is guided by your love revealed in Jesus Christ. As the faith is shared among us, we pray for the discernment of our whole community in seeking what is right and true.

