

October 6-7, 2018
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 218-24 Hebrews 2:9-11 Mark10:2-16

In a perfect world we would not need police. In a perfect world we would not need lawyers or voluminous tomes of legal rulings. In a perfect world we would not need counselors or mediators. Regrettably, we live in our 2018 human world that is very fractured, wounded and imperfect. In this weekend's Scriptures we take a rosy look back at how we IMAGINE life, in particular marriage, SHOULD be, starting with the prosaic creation imagery of ribs being taken from a man so that women could be build up around it. While not meant to be read as scientific or historical truth, the creation story captures the COMPLEMENTARINESS of men and women that exists within our humanity...we work and exist best when we do it together, heedful of one another's weakness' and one another's strengths. Jumping over to the Gospel account of Jesus being confronted by the adversarial Pharisees we hear of Jesus dabbling in the 'perfect world vs. real world' dispute pertaining to marriage (which continues right into our present era!) Wrongly presuming that the ARRANGED marriages of ancient Israel were the same as our own 2018 experience in which two people mutually decide to join their lives in marriage (in the best of situations), it would be eye-opening for us to look at the GLOBAL experience of marriage which ranges from arranged unions, to purchases, to honor-relationships, to business arrangements. Jesus wistfully reminds his listeners that humanity was made for MORE than the brokenness that has come to typify our existence and urges his listeners to return to a more profound understanding of the WHOLENESS that exists when men and women work/live/dream/strive TOGETHER. While the Scriptures reference marriage, the LARGER topic of men and women....women and men....is as heated today as it has ever been...the recent Confirmation hearings, the #Me Too movement, the efforts for equal pay, etc., etc. are sure signs that the grace of God is doing something within and among us...which, probably only with the passage of time we will come to understand more fully.

Thank you for sharing this first October Weekend with our Santa Clara community. Please take a Bulletin home with you so that you may remain informed of all that is occurring here in our little chunk of Yorba Linda. As always, please remember, come what may, you are loved. FKB