

## **Sermon Questions for Reflection for Sunday, September 14, 2025, and Throughout the Week**

**Sermon Title: Celebrate!**

**Sermon Scriptures: Matthew 25:31-46; Psalm 95:1-7a**

Before you read the Scriptures for Sunday, September 14, 2025, and throughout the week, I invite you to do the following:

- Find a quiet place.
- Remove any distractions from your presence, including your cellphone.
- Light a candle. The lit candle designates a sacred place where Jesus Christ is present.
- Invite the Holy Spirit to help you to understand the Scripture readings and the sermon (John 14:26).

During the week, I invite you to re-read the Scriptures slowly and listen to the sermon, deliberately. You can access the sermon by going to the church's website ([www.eheights.org](http://www.eheights.org)) and click on Sermons.

As you prepare to enter the sacred worship space on Sunday (in person or virtual), what attitudes, emotions, etc., will you bring to the worship space? (Read I Corinthians 13:4-7; Philippians 4:8-9; Colossians 3:12-13; I John 4:20-21.)

### **Question for Reflection:**

1. As you read and reflect on Matthew 25:31- 46 and Psalm 95:1-7a, are there feelings, emotions, smells, sounds, etc., of which you are aware? If so, what are they?
2. As you read and reflect on Matthew 25:31-46, where do you find yourself positioned in that context?
3. As you read and reflect on Psalm 95:1-7a, how do you respond to the invitation that the psalmist offers? (Read Isaiah 46:9; Romans 11:36.)
4. What motivates you to be engaged in ministry at Evangel Heights UMC? (Read Acts 1:8.)
5. Are you ever discouraged as you live out your ministry calling? If so, how do you address the discouragement? (Read Isaiah 40:31; Isaiah 41:10; I Corinthians 15:58; Psalm 42:11.)
6. As you continue to read and reflect on the texts for Sunday, September 14, 2025, and throughout the week, I encourage you to record any "aha" moments that you glean from the texts. Take the time to reflect on the "aha" moments and be in dialogue with the Holy Spirit about them.