REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY 2020 — SUNDAYS & SPECIAL DAYS ONLY — YEAR A (Advent & Christmas Year B)

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Additional Special Sundays with dates to be determined by Annual Conferences and at which special offerings may be received include:

Rural Life Sunday, Disability Awareness Sunday, Golden Cross Sunday, and Christian Education Sunday, Men's Ministry Sunday, and International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Older Adult Recognition Sunday may be observed annually, preferably in May.

January 1, 2020 New Year (A, B, C) White or Gold Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Ps 8 (UMH 743); Rev 21:1-6a; Mt 25:31-46 Call to Prayer & Self Denial any period during Jan-Mar

January 5, 2020 Epiphany Sunday White or Gold Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795); Jan 6 Epiphany of the Lord Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12 Jan 11 Human Trafficking Awareness Day

January 12, 2020 Baptism of the Lord White or Gold 1st Sunday after the Epiphany Jan. 18-25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Isaiah 42:1-9; Ps 29 (UMH 761); Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

January 19, 2020 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany Green Isaiah 49:1-7; Ps 40:1-11 (UMH 774); 1 Cor 1:1-9; John 1:29-42 Jan 20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 26, 2020 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany Green Isaiah 9:1-4; Ps 27:1-4-9 (UMH 758); 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23 Ecumenical Sunday

February 2, 2020 4th Sunday after the Epiphany Green Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15 (UMH 747); 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12 February is Black History Month

February 9, 2020 5th Sunday after the Epiphany Green Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12); Ps 112:1-10 (UMH 833); 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20 Sojourners Ministry Sunday

February 16, 2020 6th Sunday after the Epiphany Green Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8 (UMH 840); I Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37 Feb. 17 - Presidents Day (USA)

February 23, 2020 Transfiguration of the Lord White or Gold 7th Sunday after the Epiphany using Transfiguration readings: Ex 24:12-18; Ps 99 (UMH 819); 2 Pet 1:16-21; Mt 17:1-9

February 26, 2020 Ash Wednesday Purple Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17 (UMH 785); 2 Cor 5:20b;6-10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16–21 March is Women’s History Month

March 1, 2020 1st Sunday in Lent Purple Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32 (UMH 766); Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11 March 6: World Day of Prayer

March 8, 2020 2nd Sunday in Lent Purple Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121 (UMH 844); March 17: St. Patrick’s Day Romans 4:1–5, 13–17; John 3:1–17 Begin Daylight Saving Time 2 a.m.

March 15, 2020 3rd Sunday in Lent Purple Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95 (UMH 814); Romans 5:1–11; John 4:5–42

March 22, 2020 4th Sunday in Lent Purple 1 Samuel 16:1–13; Ps 23 (UMH 754 or 137); Ephesians 5:8–14; John 9:1–41 One Great Hour of Sharing

March 29, 2020 5th Sunday in Lent Purple Ezekiel 37:1–14; Psalm 130 (UMH 848); Romans 8:6–11; John 11:1–45


April 12, 2020 Holy Saturday Purple or Red

April 19, 2020 Easter Day White or Gold Acts 10:34-43; Ps 118:1–2, 14–24 (UMH 839); Col 3:1–4; John 20:1–18; Matthew 28:1–20

April 26, 2020 Easter Sunday White or Gold Acts 2:14a, 22–32; Ps 16 (UMH 748); April 22: Earth Day 1 Peter 1:3–9; John 20:19–31 April 25: World Malaria Day

May 3, 2020 5th Sunday of Easter White or Gold Acts 2:42–47; Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137); May 7: National Day of Prayer 1 Peter 2:29–25; John 10:1–10 May is Christian Home Month

May 10, 2020 6th Sunday of Easter White or Gold Acts 7:55–60; Ps 31:1–5, 15–16 (UMH 764); or Old Testament May 1: Friendship Day 1 Peter 2:2–10; John 14:1–14 Mother’s Day (USA)


May 24, 2020 Ascension Sunday White or Gold Acts 1:1–11; Ps 47 (UMH 781); Ephesians 1:15–23; Luke 24:44–53 (These readings may also be used on the 7th Sunday of Easter) May 27: Memorial Day (US)

June 7, 2020 Trinity Sunday Purple or Red Acts 2:1–21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826); 1 Corinthians 12:3b–13; John 7:37–39


June 21, 2020 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Green Gen 21:8–9; Ps 86:1–10, 16–17 or Ps 17 (UMH 749); Romans 6:1b–11, Matthew 10:24–39

June 28, 2020 4th Sunday after Pentecost Green Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13 (UMH 746); Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42 July 4: Independence Day (USA)

July 5, 2020 5th Sunday after Pentecost Green Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49,56–8; Psalm 45:10–17 or Psalm 72 (UMH 795); Romans 7:15–25a; Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

July 12, 2020 6th Sunday after Pentecost Green Genesis 25:19–34; Psalm 119:105–112 or Psalm 25 (UMH 756); Romans 8:1–11; Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

July 19, 2020 7th Sunday after Pentecost Green Genesis 28:10–19a; Psalm 139:1–12, 23–24 (UMH 854); Romans 8:12–25; Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

July 26, 2020 8th Sunday after Pentecost Green Genesis 29:15–28; Psalm 105:1–11, 45b (UMH 828); Romans 8:26–39; Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

August 2, 2020 9th Sunday after Pentecost Green Gen. 32:22–31; Psalm 17:1–7, 15 (UMC 749); Romans 9:1-5; Mt 14:13-21 Great Day of Singing; any Sunday in August or during the year.