

01-16-21 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Wherever Jesus walked he was an awakener, stirring the heart’s capacity to recognize Christ and respond to him...He moves through the world, gathering witnesses, followers—and also denials. He exposes hardened attitudes, urges self-examination, and confronts our resistance to our own redemption, our own potential.”

- Ray Waddle



1 Corinthians 12:1-11 ✠ John 2:1-11

Questions for Reflection —

- Where in the life of our congregation have you observed others using their spiritual gifts? When/how has your faith been enriched by someone practicing their gifts? What do you celebrate about the diversity of gifts in our congregation? How can we as a congregation use our collective gifts for witness to the wider community and to manifest God’s love, justice, and grace in the world?

- How readily have you recognized and claimed your own spiritual gift(s)? Are there ways in which you resist living into the potential of your gifts? What do you need in order to overcome that resistance? What will help you to further cultivate your gifts? In what new and transforming ways might God be calling you to use your gifts? How will you respond?

- When/how have you ever served out of your giftedness? What did that feel like? Have you ever been compelled to do something for which you did not feel particularly gifted? What was that like? How can we as a congregation better nurture and encourage one another in the discovery and use of our individual and collective gifts? What would extravagance and generosity look like in the use of those gifts in our programs and ministries?

Daily Household Prayer

Holy God, through signs of grace You reveal Your glory to all the world. Open our eyes to the hidden and surprising wonders You perform, that we may believe with our minds and trust with our hearts that You alone are Lord of all creation. Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.