

02-27-22 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Christ is ever present for us in our own high and low points—as present in our times of joy and assuredness as in our times of pain and doubt, in spite of our perceptions otherwise. Life, like a landscape is not all peaks nor all valleys...the highs and lows define each other and need each other to express the heights and depths and richness of life.”

- *Wayne L. Wold*



Luke 9:28-36

Questions for Reflection —

- What does it mean for you to listen to Jesus? Where and in what ways might you need more silence in order to be better able to listen? What voices and messages of the world are barriers to your listening for Jesus’ voice and message for your life? What do you need in order to hear and heed Jesus’ message and call above the competing messages? What spiritual practices help you to listen more deeply? How can we as a congregation more intentionally listen for Jesus’ voice?

- What have been some of the “mountain top” experiences of your faith journey? How and when have you had an awe-inspiring encounter with the Holy One? In what ways did such experiences/encounters change you? What sustains you on the faith journey when life seems more mundane? How have you found your way through times of pain and doubt? How would you map the ups and downs of your spiritual journey over the course of your life thus far?

- When and how have you been made most aware of God’s glory? What would it look like for you to live to the glory of God in all you say and do? In what ways does your faith empower you to act in the name of Jesus? How do you see God’s glory being made manifest in the world in our time? What would it look like for our congregation to engage our programs and ministries for the sake of God’s glory? How can we reflect God’s glory to the surrounding neighborhood?

Daily Household Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: Give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.