

05-22-22 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Many people yearn for peace in the world’s terms: cessation of conflict, whether psychological tension or warfare; a sense of calm or serenity of spirit. The peace that Jesus promises as he takes leave might include such things, but the peace that Jesus gives is nothing less than the consequence of the presence of God.”

- *Geoffrey M. St. J. Hoare*



John 14:23-29

Questions for Reflection —

- What troubles your heart? In what areas of your life are you in need of a sense of calm? What helps you to experience the peace of Christ in your inner being? How do you reflect the peace of Christ in your outer behavior? How do you share Christ’s peace with those whom you encounter in your daily life?

- What does it mean for us as a congregation to share and experience the peace of Christ together with one another? How can we build a church community in which each person can know the peace of Christ? How can we be peacemakers for the broader community around us? Where in our world is peace lacking? How can we work to build peace in those places/situations?

- When/how in your life have you have experienced the comfort and guidance of the Holy Spirit? Where in your life do your presently need to experience the guidance and advocacy of the Holy Spirit? What will help you to have a deeper awareness of the work of the Holy Spirit in your life? How can you better prepare your heart to be a dwelling place for God’s presence?

Daily Household Prayer

Loving God, your will for us in Jesus is the peace which the world cannot give; your abiding gift is the Advocate he promised. Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear. Keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word, that we may always be your dwelling place. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.