

## 08-28-22 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Righteousness or right living encourages us to live our lives with honesty as we seek justice and sound moral principles and behaviors in the context of a community or the variety of communities to which we belong...Being a blessing, living righteousness in our daily lives, draws us into relationship with those who have less than we do, yet are the true representatives of God’s countless blessings in our lives and in the lives of others.”

-*Emilie M. Townes*



Luke 14:1, 7-14

### Questions for Reflection —

- What does it mean to be a life-long learner on the journey of Christian discipleship? In what aspects of your life are you looking forward to some form of new beginning? In what ways are you seeking to continue to learn and grow? What will help you to do so? What would a new beginning look like for our congregation as a whole? How can we as a congregation better nurture one another in a journey of learning and growth?
  
- How do you manifest right living based on Christian values of justice, mercy, and love in your daily life? In what ways do you sometimes fall short? What does it look like for you to be a blessing to those whose lives you touch—at home, in your school or workplace, in our congregation, in the various communities of which you are part? Whose presence and way of being has been a blessing to you in those same settings or communities? What helps you pay attention to and be more aware of God’s abundant blessings in your life?
  
- How would you define Christian hospitality and fellowship? What does barrier-breaking hospitality look like across differences in race, ethnicity, economic class, gender, nationality, language? What people in our context might feel marginalized and excluded? What do hospitality and inclusion look like for the most vulnerable, overlooked, and marginalized people among us? How can we make sure everyone and all feel invited and included? How can we as a congregation seek to further build beloved community and embody God’s vision for a more loving world?

### Daily Household Prayer

At the beginning of a new school year, O God of wisdom, we offer thanks and praise for the gift of new beginnings and for the opportunity to learn and to wonder. We pray for teachers, students, and staff that this year might be rewarding for all. Be with us as we face the challenge of new tasks. In our learning and teaching, may we grow in service to others and in love for your world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.