

07-14-24 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Power is not just held by world leaders and the wealthiest 1%. We all have access to a kind of power that resides within us, especially those of us who draw strength from our faith. God empowers us from within. God empowers us to say ‘yes’ to doing what is just and right, even when doing so is difficult or dangerous.”

- Teri McDowell Ott



Amos 7:7-15 † Mark 6:14-29

Questions for Reflection —

- What does it mean to you for God’s Word to be the “plumb line” which aligns your life? What are the religious and ethical standards by which you are guided? Who or what helps you to discern the aspects of your life that are out of plumb? In what aspects of your life do you find it difficult to conform to the image of Christ implanted within? What role do confession and repentance play when you find yourself misaligned with God’s intentions for and expectations of you?

- How are you a doer of the Word? How are your deepest beliefs shown by what you practice in your life? What does it mean to be known as a follower of Jesus Christ? For what do you think our congregation is known in the city of Worcester? What impact are we making collectively as followers of Jesus Christ? What would it mean for us to act boldly and work for positive change as advocates for what is just and right?

- When/how have you been aware of God’s empowering you to do something difficult? How did it turn out? In what ways is God's power a guiding force in your faith? What is the difficult thing you are now being called to do? What do you need in order to tap into the power of God that resides within so you can face and undertake that difficult thing? What does it look like for you to draw strength from your faith?

Daily Household Prayer

Glorious God, source of joy and righteousness, enable us as redeemed and forgiven children evermore to rejoice in singing your praises. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives; so that being doers of the Word and not hearers only, we may receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.