

04-27-25 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Questions are not an indication of a lack of faith. Questions lead us deeper into a more substantial faith, filled with intricacies and nuances. Questions lead to a fuller understanding, filling in some of the blanks we never even knew existed... Seeking for answers is a spiritual quest inspired by the Holy Spirit.”

Mary Charlotte Johnson



John 20:19-31

Questions for Reflection —

- What role have doubts and questions played in your spiritual journey? Do you think that having questions is a natural and essential part of the life of Christian discipleship? Why or why not? How do you cope with seasons of doubt? What questions are you currently struggling with? What does it mean for you live into your questions by the power of faith? How can we as a congregation support and strengthen one another in wrestling with spiritual questions?

- By what fears and anxieties are you locked in and prevented from fulfilling God’s call for you? What do you need in order to live into new possibilities? Where do you already see evidence that Christ is alive in and through the programs and ministries of our congregation? What fears and anxieties are keeping our congregation from living more fully into God’s mission for us? How might we instead cultivate a sense of Easter wonder and joy empowering new life for us?

- What Easter miracles are needed in our world today? Do you regularly pray for those miracles to happen? Why or why not? Is there an action you can take to contribute towards God’s making those miracles become a reality? What will help you pay attention to and look for signs of the presence of the living resurrected Christ throughout the Great Fifty Days of the Easter season?

Daily Household Prayer

Lord of Life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead you restored to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise in yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen.