

## 05-04-25 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“In the resurrection appearances, there is something ambiguous and at first, not entirely recognizable in the person of the risen Christ. The light shines forth only through a familiar word or personal gesture like the breaking of bread or the calling of a name. Each disciple is called to pay attention in a new way.”

*Keith Nelson*



John 21:1-19

### Questions for Reflection —

- When have you known Christ to be present with you? How did you recognize his presence? In what ways does the risen Christ continue to guide and nurture you? What do you need in order to be more aware of the presence of Jesus with you in day-to-day life? In what new way(s) might you pay closer attention for signs of Christ’s presence?
- How are you fed and nourished by your relationship with Jesus? How do you in turn nourish others? What spiritual practices will help deepen your relationship with Jesus? What is your understanding of what it means to say you love Jesus? How do you demonstrate that love? What do you need in order to grow in that love?
- Who are the “sheep” Jesus is calling you to feed and serve? What are the unmet needs of these you encounter in daily life? How might you help to close the gap? What “lambs” need the nurture and care of our congregation? To what vulnerable people in our society might we as a congregation offer some form of safety, shelter, and/or community support? How can we advocate for those suffering from systemic oppression and injustice?

### Daily Household Prayer (Native American Ministries Sunday)

Holy God, the Creator and Sustainer, thank you for making your presence known to all peoples in the midst of creation. We remember today the ministries with Native American people, tribes and communities. We commit ourselves to living out the covenant we have made with you and with one another. We commit to respect the created world in its vast variety. We commit to honor the life you create in its many shapes and forms. We commit to love sisters and brothers who are like us and who are very different from us. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.