

05-11-25 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“The Twenty-Third Psalm speaks of a someday when the deepest longings, the strongest wantings are satisfied by a relationship with the divine, with something bigger than anything our minds can comprehend.”

Derek Weber



Psalm 23 + Luke 7:11-17

Questions for Reflection —

- Through what dark valleys have you walked during your life? How have you experienced God’s comfort and provision in such times? How have such experiences shaped who you are today? What is presently threatening your peace of mind or sense of security? What will help you claim the assurance that Jesus’ presence, provision, and power are with you no matter how difficult your present path? How might you in turn offer comfort to someone else who is suffering or struggling in some way?

- What does it look like to live a of righteousness in the face of the current social climate? How are you being called in some practical way to live into your baptismal vows to “resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves”? How can we as a congregation demonstrate authentic empathy and compassion to the marginalized and the oppressed? How might we follow Jesus to walk a path that seeks justice for all people?

- What would it look like for you to live now into God’s promise of resurrection? What prevents your living into God’s promise of abundant life in the here and now? What in your life needs to die in order for resurrection to occur? What is the restoration, refreshment, and renewal you seek? What would living into resurrection look like for our congregation as we ponder our future? What might we have to be willing to let die so we can liv into the new life God places before us?

Daily Household Prayer

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord’s resurrection, by the renewing of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.