

## 05-18-25 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“The suffering of Christ reveals God's presence in the broken places of life, on the margins and the outskirts of the hierarchy of values set down by existing powers. Disrupting the status quo means our allegiance lies with the God of resurrection who brings down the mighty and lifts up the lowly... The disruption of the resurrection leads to new life that ultimately is the opposite of harm.”

*Rick Quinn*



1 Peter 3:13-22 + John 14:15-21

### Questions for Reflection —

- How have you known the comforting, guiding, and sustaining presence of the Holy Spirit in your life? What is presently troubling you, causing you to fear, or making you anxious? Are you able to bring those concerns to God in prayer? Why or why not? What will help you open your heart and turn your burdens over to God? What do you need in order to trust God's presence with you and God's work within you?
- How does your faith help you discern what is right in the face of societal policies that are harmful to the vulnerable and marginalized? How might your faith give you courage to take action to disrupt the harm being done? What does it mean for you to be a faithful follower of Jesus in the midst of the brokenness? How do you demonstrate your allegiance to the God of resurrection? How are you a channel of God's compassion and love to those around you who are suffering?
- As we continue to journey through the Easter season where do you see signs of resurrection in your life and in our world? How are you continuing to live into the joy and hope of Easter? What interferes with your ability to do so? What do you need in order to continue to manifest Easter faith in your daily life? As our congregation faces an upcoming pastoral transition and continues our visioning process for our future what does it mean for us to be Easter people?

### Daily Household Prayer

O Lord, your wondrous birth means nothing unless we are born again, your death and sacrifice mean nothing unless we die to sin, your resurrection means nothing if you be risen alone. Raise and exalt us, O Savior, both now to the estate of grace and hereafter to the state of glory; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, God for ever and ever. Amen.