

## 08-31-25 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“...Jesus urges us to look beyond ourselves and our worries. He invites us to see where people most need hope and healing... Serving the poor and wounded is our highest calling as Christians; It is how we express Christ's love.”

*Duy Khang Nguyen*



Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

### Questions for Reflection —

- How does your faith affect your interactions with others, both friends and strangers? How does your relationship with Christ help you see beyond your own needs to the needs of those around you? How does it change the way you serve or the attitude with which you serve? In what act of compassion towards another person might you engage this week to embody Christ's love? How might you demonstrate hospitality to a stranger?
  
- In what ways have you experienced our congregation as a community of mutual love? How might we better embody Christian community across differences of cultures and generations? How can we nurture and strengthen bonds with each other? What can we then do as a congregation to seek out the strangers in the neighborhood around us and in the wider community? How might we extend God's love and compassion in ever widening circles beyond the walls of our building?
  
- What does it mean to you that Jesus is the same yesterday, and today and forever? How does that truth influence your priorities? How does it anchor you amidst the various changes and seasons of life? How does it impact on your ability to overcome fear and maintain faith when facing challenges and uncertainty? How does it help you remain steadfast in the face of upheaval in the world around you?

### Daily Household Prayer

Help us show hospitality to strangers, Merciful One, for many have entertained angels unaware while doing so. Move us to treat one another as we would have others treat us, lest we find ourselves tortured or imprisoned with no one to come to our aid. May we always seek to do good and share from our abundance, for these things are pleasing in your sight. In your holy name we pray. Amen.