## **09-21-25 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK**

"Every day, people of diverse gifts quietly work to make the church a responsive community of believers who model by their example how the Christian life is to be lived."

Bronson C. Davis

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## 1 Corinthians 12:4-14

## Questions for Reflection —

- Are you aware of your own spiritual gifts? How did you come to identify them? With what other talents, special abilities and strength have you been gifted? In what ways have your gifts been affirmed by others? How well do you think your gifts are currently being utilized to bring God's kingdom closer to reality in our world? What might be lying dormant? How can you more intentionally manifest your gifts and strengths in all that you do, not only within the life of the church but in daily life in your home, workplace, and community?
- What are some ways you have served in the life and ministry of our congregation? When have you felt most energized in your serving? What activities give you the greatest sense of fulfillment and purpose? For what ministries do you presently have the most passion? How is God calling you to invest your time, energy, and spiritual gifts in this season of your life and of our congregation's life? What will help you remain open to new possibilities for living into your ministry passion(s) as we seek to live into God's vision for our future?
- ➤ How have you observed members of our community of faith utilizing their spiritual gifts in service to God and others? What diversity of gifts have you noticed in our congregation? What gifts are being overlooked or underutilized? How can we support and encourage one another in developing and using our gifts? How can we provide more opportunities for the full expression of the gifts among us? What might we do to ensure that the various gifts, talents, and skills of each person are valued and appreciated?

## **Daily Household Prayer**

God of all good gifts, we thank you and praise you. Your Spirit has touched our lives, bringing wisdom, ability, strength, courage, and passion. Enable us to use our gifts in service to you and to others. In all that we do, and in all that we are, may your name be glorified, that your kingdom will be with us and reside here on this earth. We pray this in the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.