

09-28-25 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“God wants to give us an abundant life, full of joy, beauty, and pleasure. This abundant life does not consist of an abundance of material goods and possessions. The richness comes when we learn to enjoy God’s world, and live with contentment.”

David Vryhof



Luke 16:19-31

Questions for Reflection —

- As our congregation celebrates Harvest Sunday for what blessings in your life are you most thankful? How might you use those blessings to bless others? How can you cultivate a generous heart and share what you have in a way that enables others to flourish? What blessings have we received as a congregation? How might we use our financial and material resources to build God’s kingdom on earth?
- What does it look like for you to live with contentment? What false messages of our consumer society make it challenging for you to do so? How or when have concerns about financial matters, material wealth, or possessions interfered with your relationship with God? How have such concerns interfered with your life of discipleship? What do you need in order to claim abundance of life that is independent of money and possessions?
- Who are the “Lazaruses” right outside the doors of our church? What people are overlooked by our political and economic systems? How can we be attentive to the suffering and unmet needs of our church’s neighbors? How might we expand our ministries in a way that not only meets physical and material needs but also builds relationships with people who are marginalized and overlooked by society? What can we as a congregation do to counteract the socioeconomic inequalities embedded in our society?

Daily Household Prayer

The blessings of each day, food to eat, clothes to wear, contentment with all we have whether rich or poor. This is life in your kingdom. How difficult, Lord to walk along this road, when the world tempts us with much that we desire, but do not need. Forgive our weakness and teach us again to know the contentment of having enough and sharing not only from our riches but also from our poverty. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.