

10-05-25 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“We need faith that, despite the evidence of sight and sound, what we do matters; that we can make a difference for good; that God isn’t done with this world just yet.”

John T. Carroll



Psalm 137 + Luke 17:5-6

Questions for Reflection —

- What does it mean that as Christians we belong to one another across differences of geography, culture, denomination? What does it look like to seek Christian unity across such differences? In what ways do such differences enrich the body of Christ? What does it mean to fully embrace the diversity of the global church? How has your own understanding of your faith deepened through encountering cultural expressions of faith and worship different from your own? Given the diversity among us, how might we as a congregation further expand our cultural awareness?
- What does it mean to you to “have faith”? How has the gift of faith in your life changed over time? By what circumstances, situations, or events has your faith been challenged? What spiritual practices help to keep you rooted and grounded in your faith, especially in challenging times? What people in your life have helped you grow in your faith? What are some ways we as a congregation can encourage and support one another in ongoing deepening of faith?
- What situations in your life, in our congregation, or in the world are causing you to feel grief, anger, or despair? What does it mean to “sing the Lord's song in a foreign land” where oppression and injustice are everyday realities for so many? How can you continue to live with hope and joy, anticipating the inbreaking of God’s kingdom? What would it look like to take bold action to make a difference for good? How might we as a congregation be in solidarity with those who are presently struggling?

Daily Household Prayer

Jesus prayed that we might be one. One in spirit One in mission. In union and communion with each other and with You. Today, God, we confess fumbings and failures in accomplishing unity, as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task. On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere. We thank you for setting a table with enough space for us all! Amen.