

11-16-25 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Discipleship is hard work. Faithfulness is a full-time job. Images of equity, justice, tolerance, and generosity are not often well received in a world of brokenness, corruption, greed, and violence. Proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ is risky business, but God is with us, now and forever.”

Dan R. Dick



Luke 21:10-19

Questions for Reflection —

- When or how has a time of waiting resulted in deepening of your relationship with God? In what ways are you presently waiting for the fulfillment of God’s promises? What would it mean for you to engage in active waiting? What do you need in order to have patience in the time of waiting? What spiritual practices will enable you to rest in God as you wait?
- What are the challenges facing mainline denominations, including United Methodism, in the post-pandemic world? What do you think are the biggest challenges facing us as a congregation right now? How can we grow beyond the challenges? What would it mean to trust in God’s mercy and protection, especially as we face difficulties? What will help you pay attention to signs of God’s abiding presence and activity in your life and in the world?
- In what ways is your faithfulness being challenged by the brokenness and divisions in our society? What does it mean to stand firm in your faith especially when it is countercultural? What does it look like to speak the truth of God’s Kingdom values of equity, justice, tolerance, and generosity into a broken world of injustice, greed, and oppression? What will give you the strength and courage to be a steadfast witness to God’s love and grace? How might we as a congregation contribute to God’s ongoing work of rebuilding and repairing the world?

Daily Household Prayer

Dear Lord, we understand that patience often brings us into a deeper relationship with You. As we wait and trust, we gain insights and revelations in our walk of faith. Help us to see patient endurance as an opportunity for growth. Open our eyes to the lessons that trials can teach and help us to embrace the refining process. Strengthen our faith, that we may grow beyond challenges, emerging as a stronger faith community equipped for Your kingdom work. In this journey of patience, Lord, may we never lose sight of Your promises; may our faith be a beacon of light in this dark world. We place our trust in You, knowing that as we patiently wait upon You, our soul will find rest in You. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.