

03-22-26 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“This Lenten season, it’s worth pondering the ways we might already be dead or dying— not to shame or scare ourselves but to better appreciate Christ’s call to all of us to come forth from our tombs.”

Erica MacCreaigh



John 11:1-45

Questions for Reflection —

- What losses and disappointments have you had to face in your life? In what ways have you been able to find renewal when encountering difficulties along life’s pilgrimage? When or how have you experienced God’s in-breaking transformation in difficult circumstances? What gives you hope and comfort in the face of brokenness in your own life and in the lives of those around you? How might God work through you to offer life and hope to someone else?

- From what “tomb” is Jesus calling you to come out? What areas of your life presently feel lifeless, in need of resuscitation? What obligations, responsibilities, duties, commitments, and concerns sap your life energy? In the face of those things what does it mean that Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life? How will you respond to Jesus’ invitation to abundant life? What would newness look like for you?

- What concerns for our world and our society are foremost in your prayers? Which among those situations might presently appear hopeless from a human perspective? What does it mean to look at those situations through a lens of faith? What can we as a congregation do to bring about new realities to circumstances in which people are socially, physically, spiritually, or emotionally suffering? How can we as a community of faith create space where people experience peace, hope, and healing?

Daily Household Prayer

Out of the depths of despair, we cry to you, O God. We are lost in a world of pain and suffering. When we put our trust in weapons of war, we find no peace. When we put our faith in our own resources, we feel the ache of our true needs. When we put our hope into the health of our bodies, we suffer pain and find no healing. Come to us, O God. Forgive our doubts and fears. Heal our brokenness, that we may rejoice in your steadfast love. Amen.