

## 04-19-26 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“We know Jesus is resurrected from the grave, but it is still just as hard for us to recognize the living Christ as he walks along with us. We have to be intentional about living in the presence of Jesus; we need spiritual practices that help us exhibit the resurrection in our own lives.”

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Luke 24:13-35

### Questions for Reflection —

- Have there been times when you have overlooked the presence of Jesus with you, only to recognize his presence in retrospect? What contributes to the cloudiness of your spiritual vision? What might help keep your eyes and heart open to the presence of Jesus in real time and amid the ordinariness of daily life? What do you need in order to trust in the presence of the Risen Christ at your side, especially during difficult or challenging times? How do you experience the presence of the risen Jesus in our congregation?
- Who has walked with you on your journey of faith? How have interactions with others mediated the presence of Christ for you? Whose stories have contributed to the deepening of your relationship with God? What role has table fellowship/shared meals played in your spiritual growth? How have interactions with strangers or across differences of culture helped you to see Jesus in new ways? How have you mediated the presence of Christ for someone else?
- Do you regularly spend time reading the Bible? Have you ever participated in group Bible study? Why or why not? What does it mean to you that the Bible is a living text? What helps you discern the meaning and message of scripture for your life? What insights have you obtained by reflecting on your life experiences in light of scripture? Is there a passage that currently resonates with you as you ponder your present life circumstances?

### Daily Household Prayer

O Risen Christ, on the road to Emmaus, You were the disciples' companion. Be at our side on the journey of faith on life's pathways and at every encounter, stir up our compassion, so that we may welcome others and listen to their stories. Kindle anew the desire to proclaim Your Word. May it illumine us, and may our hearts burn to bear witness to it. May Your Holy Spirit teach us the art of explaining Scripture and open our hearts to recognize You. Grant us the courage to become vulnerable so that our siblings may know You through us and that we may know You through them. Amen.