

05-03-26 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Jesus promises to be with us through the power of the Spirit, to work in and through us to accomplish his purposes in the world. This does not necessarily happen in easily visible, spectacular ways. Yet wherever there is healing, reconciling, life-giving work happening, this is the work of God. Wherever there is life in abundance, this is Jesus’ presence in our midst.”

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John 14:1-14

Questions for Reflection —

- What presently troubles your heart—in your own life, in the life of our congregation, in society, in the world? What do you need in order to trust that God will be present with you no matter the challenges? What spiritual practices restore and maintain peace in your heart and soul even when external circumstances seem chaotic and confusing? How can you cultivate a greater inner sense of trust in God’s mercy and love? What can you do to offer comfort and hope to someone who is suffering in body, mind, or spirit?
- What does it mean to live life in God? What is the quality of your present relationship with Jesus? What does it mean to pray in Jesus’ name? What does it look like for you to allow the Spirit of Jesus to live and work and pray in and through your life? What do you need in order to be inspired and emboldened for ministry in Jesus’ name? What sustains you amid the ambiguities, challenges, and doubts that might arise as you follow the call of Jesus?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus is the Way? How is following a way of life different from living by laws or rules? What does it mean that as disciples of Jesus we as a congregation are entrusted to bring his mission to fulfillment? How might we expand the scope and impact of our current ministries? To what greater works might God be calling our congregation? As we vision for our future what priorities might we embrace as we imagine new ways to be the body of Christ in a troubled world?

Daily Household Prayer

Loving God, Jesus said we come to You through Him. By Your grace we enter into His love, receiving His mercy, open to His healing, being built into His house, made into His royal priesthood. We are in Christ, who is in You. Bless us, and make us Your people, in the name and the Spirit of Christ. Amen.