

05-10-26 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“The Spirit lives in us, guides us, and gathers us together, preserving us as the living story of the body of Christ...the Spirit abides in us, weaving a living, breathing narrative of God’s love that unfolds in and through each of us as we live together in the body of Christ.”

Lisa Hancock



John 14:15-21

Questions for Reflection —

- Who are your spiritual mothers? What women exemplify God’s nurturing love for you? What women have influenced your spiritual journey? In what ways has a spiritual mother helped you to grow in faith? How might you in turn nurture and influence others in the life of faith? How might we all as a congregation invest in future generations through our prayers, our nurturing support, and our witness?

- What does Jesus’ gift of the Holy Spirit mean to you? What does it mean to have the Holy Spirit living in you? How have you experienced the Holy Spirit as comforter and/or guide? Where do you see evidence of the Holy Spirit at work in our world? What busyness or everyday worries and concerns interfere with your ability to pay attention to the Holy Spirit? What will help you look for and pay attention to the presence and actions of the Holy Spirit as you go about your daily life?

- What does it look like for you to keep the commandments of Jesus? How do the teachings of Jesus serve as the basis for your actions in daily life? In what practical ways do you evidence your love for Jesus? What does it mean to obey or follow Biblical teachings from a sense of love rather than from a sense of duty or obligation? With what do you struggle as you seek to follow and obey? How can you more fully rely on the accompanying and strengthening presence of the Holy Spirit as you face those struggles?

Daily Household Prayer

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus’ resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. Amen.