

06-21-26 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“In a culture that often keeps faith private, Jesus calls us to live openly and courageously. Because we are fully known and fully loved by God, we can live more honestly with God, ourselves, and one another—moving from hiddenness into light, not for shame, but for freedom.”

Young Chung



Matthew 10:24-39

Questions for Reflection —

- Who are your spiritual fathers? What men have influenced your spiritual journey? What faith values and virtues do they model for you? How has their example shaped your discipleship? In what ways has a spiritual father helped you to grow in faith? How might you in turn influence and inspire others in the life of faith? How might we all as a congregation invest in future generations through our prayers and our witness?
- How do your words, actions, or the policies you support in your daily life bear witness to your Christian faith? What challenges have you encountered as you have endeavored to be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ? What do you need in order to embrace such challenges rather than try to avoid them? What will help you keep your focus on God as you face various challenges in living into God’s call for you? What do you need in order to persevere, trusting in God’s care and divine purpose?
- What injustice and harm in our world weigh heavily on your heart? Are there ways in which you have become complicit in or complacent about social injustice and oppression? What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus when you come up against cultural values that conflict with Jesus’ teachings? What are the words of hope and deeds of love that God is calling you to bring to address the needs of people around you? What will give you the strength and courage to speak and act, especially if it means challenging the status quo?

Daily Household Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for Jesus Christ, who in compassion for the helpless and harassed crowds, sent out His disciples with words of hope and deeds of love. We look around us today and see the same depths of human need; we know that you send us out with good news now. We humbly and joyfully accept your mission, trusting in Jesus Christ to give us courage and strength. Amen.