

06-28-26 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Righteousness is relational. Righteousness is making relationships right and of keeping relationships right: right relationships between individuals, between groups – racial groups, cultural groups, political groups, religious groups – and between nations, all of which makes for righteous living before God, the Creator of all.”

Curtis Almquist



Matthew 10:40-42

Questions for Reflection —

- How do you personally define what it means to live as a righteous person? How do spiritual rewards of righteousness differ from secular worldly notions of reward? What does holy righteousness look like in the face of systemic injustices? What will help you recognize and avoid the pitfall of self-righteousness? What do you need in order to remain focused on building God’s kingdom and serving others with empathy and compassion rather than with judgment?
- What does it mean for you to be in right relationship with God? What does it look like for you to be in right relationship with other members of our faith community as well as with people you encounter in daily life throughout the week? How does being part of a faith community contribute to your ability to maintain right relationships with God and others? What steps might we take as a congregation to work towards better understanding at times when relationships become strained across differences?
- What does it look like for someone to be a doer of God’s word? In what ways do you personally put God’s word into practice? What do you need in order to move beyond intellectual understanding towards expressing your faith in tangible actions? What is the “cup of cold water”, some simple act of kindness, you might offer to people you encounter this week? How can we as a church family support and encourage one another in applying God’s word to situations and circumstances of daily life?

Daily Household Prayer

Glorious God, source of joy and righteousness, enable us as redeemed and forgiven children evermore to rejoice in singing your praises. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts, we may practice in our lives; so that being doers of the Word and not hearers only, we may receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.