

## 03-26-23 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Resurrection and life are central to the meaning that we make for our lives, informing our sense of Christian vocation... resurrection confronts us with an urgent call, beckoning us to consider the possibility that those whom our world deems socially, physically, spiritually, and emotionally dead might live into a new reality.”

- *Veronice Miles*



Romans 8:6-11 ✠ John 11:1-45

### Questions for Reflection —

- What obligations, responsibilities, duties, commitments, and concerns about the future presently weigh you down? By what are you bound that keeps you from living freely and fully into the abundant life offered by Jesus? What do you need in order to be set free from those bonds so you can embrace life in its fullness? What does abundant life look like for you? How might God work through you to offer life and hope to someone else?
  
- What losses and disappointments have you had to face in your life? What gives you hope and peace in the face of anxieties and brokenness in your own life and in the lives of those around you? How do you find transformation and renewal when you encounter difficulties along life's pilgrimage? How can we as a community of faith create space where people experience peace, hope, and healing? How can we participate in God's transformative work in our world and help to create a new reality?
  
- What does it mean for you to set your mind on the Spirit? What does it look like to live a Spirit-guided life? What spiritual practices help you to discern the presence and movement of God's Holy Spirit in and through your life? In what ways do you resist that movement? How might you be more open to that movement? What might communal life in the Spirit look like for our congregation?

### Daily Household Prayer

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.