

## 04-23-23 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Give thanks for the Past, for those who had vision, who planted and watered so dreams could come true. Give thanks for the Now, for study, for worship, for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.”

- Jane Marshall



Romans 12:1-5 ✠ Matthew 16:13-20

### Questions for Reflection —

- What is the story of your journey in this congregation? How did you come to be here? What changes have you seen? What impact have those changes had? What are your most precious memories of life in this congregation? What presently keeps you here? What do you celebrate the most about this particular community of faith?
  
- What has Christian community meant in your life of faith? How has being part of this congregation shaped your spiritual journey? Who have been your mentors and teachers? Who have been your companions on the way? How are you being called into further life with others? How can we as a congregation encourage and challenge one another to deeper commitment to ongoing transformation?
  
- What are your prayers for the future of this congregation? How can you turn those prayers into action? Toward what new beginning and new vision might God be calling us as a congregation? What dreams are currently being planted? What will it take to water and nurture those dreams so they come to fruition?

### Daily Household Prayer

God of history and time, we praise you for the many gracious acts of salvation you have granted upon this congregation in its 100 years. Help us to look ahead, and continue to bless us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace. We pray in the name of Jesus, in whom we become your new creation. Amen.