05-07-23 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

"Today there is much that can distress us... It helps to return our attention to Christ who has promised not to abandon us and who, though troubled himself, comforted the troubled disciples. Jesus is our way to God and all that is good, the living embodiment of truth, and the giver of the fullness of life eternal." - Tanya Marlow

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John 14:1-14

Questions for Reflection —

- What presently troubles your heart—in your own life, in the life of our congregation, in society? What does it look like for you to trust in and turn to the comfort and love offered by God in the mist of that which troubles you? How can we as a congregation better offer care of one another in the midst of the heartaches of life? How can we grow further as a Christian community of mutual love and support of one another as well as of service to the wider community in a way that mediates Jesus' love?
- How have you come to know Jesus? How central is Jesus in your spiritual life presently? What is the quality of your present relationship with Jesus? What is your commitment to continuing to grow more deeply and fully into relationship with Jesus? What helps you to listen for the gentle guidance of Jesus? What does it look like for you to allow the Spirit of Jesus to live and work and pray in and through your life?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus is the Way? What helps you to find, know, and follow that Way? What would it look like for you to align yourself completely with the attitudes and values that Jesus taught and manifested through his life and teachings? What risks are you willing to take in order to follow the Way of Jesus? What sustains you amid the ambiguities, challenges, and doubts that might arise?

Daily Household Prayer

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.