

06-04-23 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“...Jesus’ Great Commission isn’t about getting people to declare their belief in the Trinity or any doctrine. Rather the invitation is to enter a new way of life...

The commission Jesus gives us is truly ‘great’: to share with others a way of life filled with purpose, love, and grace.”

- *Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli*

“The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

United Methodist Book of Discipline



Matthew 28:16-20

Questions for Reflection —

- What has the Bible meant to you over the course of your faith journey? What presently is the role of reading, studying, reflecting on, and/or praying with biblical texts in your spiritual life? What biblical stories are the most meaningful to you? What has helped you grow in your understanding of the meaning and message of the Bible for how you live your life?

- What does being a disciple of Jesus Christ mean to you? How are you continuing to grow as a disciple? What is the new life to which you have been called? What do you think God might be asking you personally to go and do? How can you make the love of God present and real to those whom you encounter in your daily life? What will help you to know and trust that Jesus is with you as you go about sharing God’s love and grace with others?

- What do you think it means to “make disciples of all nations” today—for our congregation, for our denomination? What do you see as the role of our congregation in making disciples beyond the walls of the church? How can we build relationships with those presently outside the church to heal the divisions in our society? How can we help others to know God as real and present in our world? What would transformation of the world look like?

Daily Household Prayer

Everlasting God: You have revealed yourself as Father-Mother, Son, and Holy Spirit, and ever live and reign in the perfect unity of love. Grant that we may always hold firmly and joyfully to this faith, and, living in praise of your divine majesty, may finally be one in you; who are three persons in one God, for ever and ever. Amen.