"…God works in quieter ways, obscure ways, ways that seem natural—like coincidence, like happenstance, like in the everyday decisions that we make all the time. God is at work in and through what happens around us, even when it doesn't seem like it. God is present, even when it feels like absence. God is acting, even when it feels like stillness."

*- Derek Weber*

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1 Kings 19:1-15a

**Questions for Reflection —**

➢ Overall do you find it easy or difficult to perceive God's presence in your life? Why is that? How/when have you seen God working in and through the seeming small and ordinary moments in your life and in the lives of those around you? What distracts you or challenges your ability to perceive God's presence and action? What will help you be more attentive to and aware of God's everyday workings in the world?

➢ Have you ever felt discouraged or disillusioned as you seek to live into God's call for your life? What self-doubts, insecurities, and/or fears have you had to face in answering God's call for you? What sustains you in times of doubt and difficulty? What spiritual practices help you to reorient/refocus when you lose sight of God's purpose?

➢ What is your general approach to decision making? What role does listening for God's still small voice play when you face a significant decision? What enables you to best hear that voice? How might taking time for silence help you better connect with God? How can our congregation as community of faith be more attentive to God's still small voice as we discern God's call for our future?

**Daily Household Prayer** (Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas)

Give us, O Lord, steadfast hearts, which no unworthy thought can drag downward, unconquered hearts, which no tribulation can wear out, upright hearts, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow upon us also, O Lord our God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.