

10-08-23 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“...We reject God when we reject the work of God as creator and sustainer of the universe...

The world God is attempting to shape through the ministry of the church will not be established by chance or coincidence. It will come only when people change how they live—no longer rejecting the will of the God who made them, but striving to live together in peace.”

- *Marvin A. McMickle*



Matthew 21:33-46

Questions for Reflection —

- What does it mean for you to make Jesus the cornerstone of your faith? What do you need in order to build a life of discipleship on the teachings and example of Jesus? What does it look like for you to manifest God’s love, justice, and mercy? What does it mean for Jesus to be the cornerstone of the life of our congregation? How can we make our faith the basis for all that we do as a congregation? What would it mean for Jesus’ teachings and example to undergird all that we undertake—not just our programs and ministries but also our meetings and our policies?

- What people, resources, and gifts has God entrusted to you? What does it look like for you to be faithful in your care and oversight of that with which God has entrusted you? How will you bring forth fruit for the greater good? With what has God entrusted our congregation? How can we use our resources in ways that create, nourish, and sustain community and connection both within our congregation and in the wider community?

- What does it mean to you personally to be a good steward of God’s gift of nature? As a tenant of God’s created world, what do you see as your part in care of the environment? What is the gap between how you would like to be a steward of creation and your present lifestyle? Is there something more than what you are presently doing to steward creation that you could or should do? What do you think creation care and environmental justice look like for a community of faith?

Daily Household Prayer

Almighty God, you built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone. Gather your church in unity, by your Holy Spirit, that it may manifest your love and mercy among all peoples to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.