

11-19-23 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“The kingdom of heaven...is about what the followers of Christ do with the treasure that Jesus has given us while we await Christ's action in the world. It requires being awake to who God is, being alert to what God is doing in the world, and being ready to act even we don't have precise instructions.”

- *Chanequa Walker-Barnes*



Matthew 25:14-30

Questions for Reflection —

- What does membership in this congregation mean to you? In what ways are you currently living into the membership vows to uphold this congregation by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service? What aspect of the membership vows is most challenging for you? To what would you like to recommit yourself? How can we as a congregation provide support and encouragement to one another so that each of us is enabled to make our unique contributions to this particular body of Christ?

- Where/how have you perceived God's gracious provision in your life during the past year? For what are you presently most thankful? How do you express your gratitude? Where/how do you see evidence of God's gracious provision in the life our congregation? What does it mean for us to share our abundance with others beyond the walls of the church?

- With what resources and gifts has God entrusted you? Are you using those resources and gifts to their fullest potential or are you somehow holding back? What currently lies “buried”? What risks might you need to take in order to live into the fullest potential of who God created you to be? What will give you the strength and courage to more fully serve God? What risks are you willing to take for the sake of your faith?

Daily Household Prayer

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.