

02-11-24 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“We have been given the light and life and love of Jesus to transform the dark world that surrounds us: by our touch, by our words, by our mere presence, we have been given power by Jesus to transform the world in which we live, in the very ways that Jesus spoke and worked.”

- *Curtis Almquist*



Mark 9:2-9

Questions for Reflection —

- When and how has God given you vision and insight to direct your path? What have been some of the key “mountaintop” spiritual experiences in your faith journey? What did you take from those experiences back to your ordinary day to day life? What was the long-term impact of those experiences on your words and actions? What sustains you in continuing to follow God’s way for you?

- To what new and transformative changes might God be inviting you? What challenges and obstacles are holding you back? To what old ways are you clinging? What do you need in order to accept God’s invitation(s) to transformation? To what new and transformative changes might God be inviting us as a congregation? Of what might we need to let go so that we can respond affirmatively to God’s invitation?

- What does it look like for Christ to dwell within you, for the light of Christ to shine in and through you? What keeps you grounded in the light and life and love of Jesus? What does it mean for you to be transformed more clearly into the image of God? What does it look like for our congregation to shine the light of God’s transforming love in the dark and broken places of our world? How does God’s glory shine through our missions and ministries?

Daily Household Prayer

God of glory and mercy, before his death in shame your Son went to the mountain top, and you revealed his life in glory. Where prophets witnessed to him, you proclaimed him your Son, but he returned to die among us. Help us face evil with courage, knowing that all things, even death, are subject to your transforming power. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.