

06-09-24 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“The yeast that a woman bakes with—it does its miraculous, silent work of transformation to turn inedible flour into nourishing, sustaining food. The kingdom of heaven is in the everyday, ordinary, and even undesirable stuff of life. The kingdom of heaven is surprising and stealthy and subversive”

- Libby Howe



Matthew 13:33

Questions for Reflection —

- What is the influence and impact of the kingdom of God in your life? What transformation(s) have been wrought by the silent workings of the Holy Spirit within you? In what aspects of your life do you resist the leavening process of the kingdom of God? What will help keep you open to the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit within you? What practices might you engage to promote the slow and steady growth of the spirit of Christ within you?

- In what ways do you help to spread the leaven of God’s kingdom in the lives of others? How do you help to nourish and sustain others in their walk with God? How can you also serve as a positive presence among friends and relatives who do not claim any religious affiliation or identity? In what practical but unobtrusive way(s) might you help the Good News permeate your family, workplace, circle of friends and acquaintances, and/or neighborhood?

- Where and how do you see evidence of the expansive and pervasive impact of the Holy Spirit in our world? What societal ills do you perceive as obstacles to the realization of God’s love, peace, compassion, justice, and mercy? What does it mean for us as a congregation to be leaven in our society? What might it look like for us to engage the work of building God’s kingdom in our world? How can we serve as agents by which God’s truth, love and justice permeate daily life in secular society?

Daily Household Prayer

Eternal God, protector of all who put their trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Fill us with your mercy and your grace, that, with you to rule and guide, we may so use the good things of this present life that we do not neglect those of eternal worth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.