08-25-24 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

"The words of God are food for the soul; they nourish and strengthen us for the struggles we will face in life...These words offer us truth and wisdom that satisfy our hunger and quench our thirst. They instruct and guide us; they fortify us on the way; they remind us that we are known and loved by the One who has created and redeemed us."

- David Vryhof

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John 6:56-69

Questions for Reflection —

- ➤ How do the words of scripture feed you in an ongoing way? What role does continued wrestling with the teachings of Jesus and words of scripture play in your faith life? What teachings of Jesus do you find difficult to understand? What teachings are challenging for you to implement in how you live your life? What will help you deepen your understanding of scripture? How might we as a congregation encourage one another in personal engagement with the Word of God?
- Why have you chosen to be a follower of Jesus? When/how have you wavered in your walk with Jesus? Have you ever turned your back or wanted to walk away? What helped you to find the strength and courage to continue being a follower of Jesus? What presently sustains you in your walk of faith?
- What does it look like for you to fully embrace abundant eternal life in the here and now? What holds you back from living into the abundance of life God intends? What do you need in order to become more fully alive and to better glorify God? How can we as a community of faith live life together more abundantly?

Daily Household Prayer

We praise you with joy, loving God, for your grace is better than life itself. You have sustained us through the darkness, and you bless us with life in this new day. In the shadow of your wings we sing for joy and bless your holy name. Amen.