

09-22-24 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“All that we have and all that we are is the gift of God. We are stewards of this gift, and of the gift of this planet. It is good to give thanks for these gifts daily — and to pause to be mindful of how we are using them.”

David Vryhof



Matthew 13:44

Questions for Reflection —

- What is the value you place on your relationship with God? What does it look like to be “all in” with your commitment to a life of discipleship? What are some other priorities in your life? What relationships, possessions, or personal ambitions might potentially interfere with your ability to make a full commitment to following Jesus? What sacrifices are you willing to make in order to more fully follow Christ?

- What “treasure(s)” have you discovered in your walk with Christ? How have those treasures inspired and enlivened you? What new horizons and dreams have been opened for you? What does it look like for you to share the treasures of God’s kingdom with others? This week with whom might you try to share the treasure?

- What most gives you a sense of excitement in your life of faith? When and/or how have you ever experienced liberating joy in serving God? What does joyful service look like for you? Where in the life of our congregation do you see others engaged in joyful service? What might we do to help renew, restore, and reenergize one another for joyful service?

Daily Household Prayer

God of compassion, you alone can show us true healing. We pray today for wholeness of body and soul. Our challenges and obstacles differ from person to person, but each of us is in need of your healing. We offer our burdens and our brokenness to you, knowing that you offer us abundant grace, free and unconditional. Let your love enter our hearts so that we might be renewed, restored, reenergized for joyful service in your name. Amen.