

01-12-25 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Baptism is once in a lifetime, but the relationship which it initiates is renewed week by week in worship, prayer, community, and service.”

Jonathan Maury



Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Questions for Reflection —

- What does it mean for you to claim your baptismal identity? How and when have you most fully known yourself as a beloved child of God? What does it look like for us as a congregation to surround one another with love and care? When/how have you been a recipient of that love and care? How do you in turn help to mediate God's constant presence and love to others in the congregation?

- Who are the people who have supported you on your faith journey? How have you grown, learned, and been transformed when immersed in the life of the church? What has helped you discern your own calling and mission not only within the church but in your daily life? What criteria help you assess your walk of discipleship? How are you accountable?

- What does it mean to you to be supported by and bound together in the communal life of the body of baptized Christians that is our congregation? What do you celebrate about our community of faith? What does active involvement in the life of the church look like for you? What does it mean for your spiritual journey to join with others in worship, fellowship, mission, and ministry?

Daily Household Prayer

Living God, when the Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism in Jordan's water you revealed him as your own beloved Son. You anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior now and for ever. Amen.