

## 02-16-25 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“...human righteousness is about being the salt of the earth and the light of the world. As the salt of the earth, we are disciples of Jesus when we allow our characters to be formed by God's blessings. As the light of the world, we are followers of Jesus when we accept the covenantal blessings as a call into relationships with despised groups because of what we believe... As disciples of the Jesus who came not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets, we seek to live righteously in ways consistent with the new interpretation of the law that Jesus provides.”

*Marcia Y. Riggs*



1 Corinthians 2:1-2, 7-12, 16 + Matthew 5:13-20

### Questions for Reflection —

- What does it mean for you to be the salt that helps to magnify God's presence in our world? How does your presence in your workplace, your home, your neighborhood enable those around you to flourish, to be all they were created to be? Where or how in your own life are you in need of some zesty seasoning to bring you more fully alive? How can we in our congregation be salt for one another as well as for those beyond the walls, especially for those who are presently being increasingly marginalized and discounted?
- Where/how in our world do you see a need for the light of God's love to be projected? What would it mean for you to be light in those places/situations? Into what situations of suffering, loneliness, or despair might you shine God's light and love? What are the challenges for you in being light? In what ways are you tempted to hide your light? How can we as a congregation support and encourage one another in shining? Where are there presently needs in our community and world that might require us as a congregation to shine more brightly?
- In what ways do you have the mind of Christ? How do the purpose and perspectives of Jesus influence your thoughts and actions? What is the transformation and renewal that the Holy Spirit has been working within you? How might you further seek and discern the deep things of God? What spiritual practices help you to look at people and situations with God's perspective? How are you living into God's vision for a world of justice and mercy?

### Daily Household Prayer

Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be light that shines in the world. Let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.