

WEEK OF OCTOBER 9TH

CLARITY
+ *courage*



"By this, you shall know that a living God is among you."

-Joshua 3: 10

READ: JOSHUA 3:1-17

What word, image, or phrase sticks out to you from today's passage?

Draw about it or write a response to God using the space below.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

One interesting thing about the Jordan river is that even at it's height, it can be crossed on foot. What then might God have been seeking to communicate by drawing back the waters on Israel's behalf here?

Read Exodus 14 and 2 Kings 2 and note any similarities between today's reading, and these stories of Moses and Elijah. How is Joshua's situation similar? How is it different?

The Ark of the Covenant was, at this time, understood to be the physical manifestation of God's presence and power. It contained Aarons rod and a jar of manna, as reminders of God's faithfulness in bringing the Israelites out of slavery and sustaining them in the wilderness. It also contained the tablets on which the ten commandments were inscribed. What might it look like for us to follow God's presence into uncharted territory, led by reminders of God's faithfulness, and testimonies of God's will, today?

(Think specific practices)

PRACTICE OF THE WEEK:

Fixed Hour Prayer

One of my favorite things about fixed hour prayer is knowing that I am joining Christians all over the world to utter the same words, to reflect on the same passages, and to appeal to the same God who has always, and will continue to work for the good of the Church God has called and commissioned as His physical presence in the world.

Choose three times throughout the day for fixed hour prayer on behalf of the church. Choose times that are roughly around breakfast, lunch, and bedtime. Set a reminder in your phone if it helps. You might even want to be a little monkish and let the reminder be bells.

Close the door, silence your phone, and pray this prayer:

(Adapted from The Book of Common Prayer by Phyllis Tickle)

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed Your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, for ever and ever,
Amen