

GATHERING

Prelude Welcome Rev. James West

Gathering

Song of Faith The Summons

ENGAGING

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Deuteronomy 10:12-22 | Matthew 25:31-46

Act of Praise Amazing Abundance Rev. Jim West

Message:

Fear Bravely: Strangers

Questions for Reflection

Prayer

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Upcoming

Song of Faith Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Blessing

Postlude Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior Rev. James West

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Questions for Reflection

As you reflect on this week's message and continue to meditate upon Luke 10:25-37 ponder these questions. Perhaps you will choose to write about them in a journal or chat with a friend.

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- What sorts of people do you think of as "strangers"? In what ways have you been taught to fear rather than love them?
- What stands out to you in the telling of the good Samaritan story? Why do you think Jesus told it in such a controversial way?
- If Jesus were telling us this parable today, who do you think he would cast in the main roles to drive the same point home to our church?
- Why do you think caring for strangers is such an important theme throughout the entire Bible, in God's heart for his people, and in Jesus's teaching? Do we treat this command as seriously as the Bible does?
- What small steps can we take to begin caring sacrificially and actively for the strangers in our community?

Prayer of the Week

Lord, give me the eyes of Jesus to see my neighbors and the strangers I meet. Teach me what it means to love the stranger as I love myself. Forgive me for my selfishness, for my silence, for not caring enough for the strangers who come to this community. Teach me to love and care for the stranger the way you do. Amen.

Scripture for Next Sunday

Matthew 5:43-48 | Romans 12:9-21

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