

Morning Litany Day 2 – What Questions are on Our Hearts?

- As an expression of God's grace and redemption, what might it look like to cultivate generosity as a narrative of action in the sea of anxiety and division?
- How can I bring God's presence to the world if I can't be with the world?
- What do we change? What do we keep?
- Are we so busy trying to make everything look "normal" that we are risking squandering a good crisis?
- How do you reimagine community partnerships that were formed in a gym around a table where a meal was shared, in a closet where clothes were given, in a fireplace room where muffins and neighbors' life stories, hopes and dreams were shared, and in a pocket park where the community gathered for community and church sponsored events?
- How can we find innovative ways—as painstaking as they might be—to avoid offering up images that represent a white male God?
- How do we foster authentic meaningful relationships and share the Gospel while tending to ourselves and families amidst great stress and uncertainty without burning ourselves out?
- How effective is this work if we can't see or measure the results?
- What parts of my vocation and ministry am I willing to let die so something new can be planted?
- How will we avoid letting the present political climate undermine relationships and impede evangelism?
- Once the pandemic is behind us, how will we reintegrate? Especially with those who refused to participate in doing church differently during this time and were critical of our decisions to wear masks, suspend worship, etc.?
- When, in the past few months, has someone else been the face of Christ for you?
- What are the keys to making short-term problem-solving part of the long-term creativity? How do I notice what the Holy Spirit's planting now?
- Is our primary purpose to restore all we had/offered and self-identified as "Good Church" before? Does this pandemic enable an historical gift from God to force us to trust God more fully and be transformed in God's likeness into a powerful future? Am I willing to fail trying to follow: walking the walk? Will I resist being transformed? Will I judge others' responses?



- How do I motive people who have become accustomed to worship in the comfort of their homes to engage/re-engage in connecting with members of the community?
- What would it look like if a "parish" were not defined by geography? In a distanced world, is "beating the bounds" (literally or figuratively) still relevant, and how might we reimagine ourselves without it?
- Would we have different answers if we asked "WHY church" instead of "HOW church"?

(Please allow plenty of silence following the recitation of these questions.)