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Recognizing God's presence in everyday moments.

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JUNE 2, 2019
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

taking faith home

Jesus prays for us and the world.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday John 17:20-26	Jesus prays for his disciples
Monday Acts 16:16-34	Paul and Silas in prison
Tuesday Revelation 22:13-21	Christ is coming soon
Wednesday Exodus 33:12-23	Moses' intercession
Thursday 2 Corinthians 5:16-21	The ministry of reconciliation
Friday Luke 11:1-4	The Lord's Prayer
Saturday Psalm 97	The Lord brings justice
Sunday John 14:8-17, 25-27	Jesus promises the Holy Spirit

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me." John 17:20-21 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Lord Jesus, you have come into our world and our lives to love us with the love of the Father. Heal our divisions and enter our witness to you in the world, Jesus.

Mealtime Prayer:
Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to you be blessed. And may there be a goodly share on every table everywhere. Amen. (Traditional/German table prayer)

A Blessing to Give:
May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you and all the saints. (Revelation 22:21)

CARING CONVERSATIONS
Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

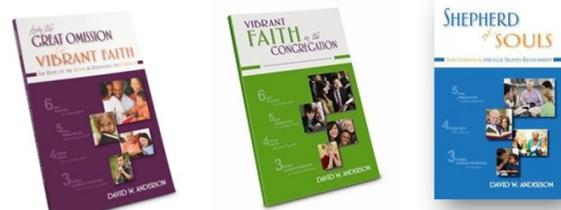
- what does it mean to be a follower?
- what does it mean to be a follower of Jesus?
- in John 17:23, Jesus prays that his followers become one. As a follower of Jesus, what does this mean to you?

DEVOTIONS
Read: John 17:20-26
This concludes Jesus' farewell address to his disciples. It immediately precedes his return to a familiar garden where he will be met by Judas and the officials who will take him away to die in the Chapel of John, those who are opposed to God are described as "the world." At the same time Jesus prays for his followers, he prays for the world so that the world may believe that Jesus' Father has sent him. Even as he is on suffering and death, he prays for his followers and for those who would oppose him and his followers. God's work in Christ in the work of reconciliation that gives us the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:17-21). Jesus prays for unity and reconciliation even while the forces of sin and destruction are closing in on him. Understanding and resolving differences will require the love of the Father and of Jesus to be us as disciples. Jesus prays for us to have a loving and empowering relationship to God. How would you, as a follower of Jesus, describe your relationship with God with others?
 Pray: Loving God, come to me that I may love the world as you have loved me, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE
In John 17:20-26, Jesus prayed that the love of God may be in his followers and that their lives as disciples would also reveal his love for others. In this passage, Jesus prayed not only for his disciples but for all future disciples. He prayed for us. Disciples serve God through acts of kindness toward all people whether rich, poor, or dead. From a different background, our non-believers, how do you respond to Jesus praying for you? In what ways do you show love toward others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS
The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray in Luke 11:1-4. He taught them the Lord's Prayer, a prayer that is used during worship and one of the first prayers we, as followers, teach our children as a young age. In Luke 11:2 we pray, "Your Kingdom come." After praying the Lord's Prayer, pause and think about how God's Kingdom has come into your life through faith in Christ and a life lived to please God.

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Reduced price includes bulletin inserts for June through November.

These partial year Taking Faith Home weekly bulletin inserts can help your congregation build a more solid faith foundation by providing content that sparks conversation, inspires effective evangelism, introduces Christian rituals and traditions, encourages family faith formation, and unites generations.

This partial series of 30 bulletin inserts which cover 2 June 2019 through 28 November 2019 is based on the Revised Common Lectionary Year C, and features; a short theme statement to capture the week's focus; suggested daily Bible readings; a key scripture verse that relates to the theme; weekly prayers and a

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The **Shepherd of Souls Leadership Series** helps you to do just that because the old paradigm of congregational life and programming isn't working. There are three books in the series:

From the Great Omission to Vibrant Faith: the Role of the Home to Renew the Church. Based on modern research, biblical studies, and church history, readers will gain an understanding of the importance of nurturing faith in the home (daily life

blessing to use during the week; a suggested hymn that relates to the theme; and examples of each of the Four Key Faith Formation practices (caring conversations, devotions, service, and rituals and traditions) that complement that week's theme.

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Deck A, B, and C Based on the Revised Common Lectionary Year Cycles

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The cards are based on five principles for living and passing on faith, four keys for practicing faith, and the three characteristics for Christians.

relationships) and be able to lead toward this paradigm shift in the congregation.

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Faith Formation Blessing Bowl Set

The Faith Formation Blessing Bowl Set complements all Milestones Ministry Modules, Moments, and Taking Faith Home bulletin inserts and cards. In addition to the Four Key Faith Practices of Caring Conversations, Devotions, Service, and Rituals and Traditions that are found at the heart of Milestones Ministry resources, we have added the joy of musical expression through music and singing and the personal bonding of sharing mountain-high and valley-low experiences.

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The ceramic bowl and stones are individually made, hand-painted, and glazed by Liturgical artist [Dawn Deines-Christensen](#).

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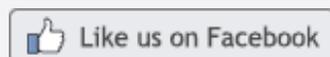
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