

Embracing the Sacred Journey:
An Engagement with Our Baptismal Covenant

A journey of Christian inquiry based on the Baptismal Covenant. The series seeks to engage and spiritually deepen our relationship with God in Christ whether one is new to the Church or a life-long Episcopalian. The journey is intended to help us move toward greater understanding and wisdom in our faith rather than being a quest for “right” answers.

Jan 10 - Faith: What is Belief (In the Biblical Sense) and Why Does It Matter?

Is faith an intellectual assent to certain doctrines or a way of seeing, living and loving? When we say (as we do on Sundays) that the creeds “reaffirm our faith,” what do we really mean? Is there fire to be found in the dry formulations of the creeds?

Jan 17 - Jesus: The Way or Just One Way?

Who is Jesus and what role does he play in our relationship with God? When Jesus says that “I am the way, the truth and the life,” what does he mean? What about “non-believers”?

Jan 24 – The Bible: Is the Lord’s Word the Last Word?

What authority does scripture have in the Episcopal/Anglican tradition? How do we read and interpret the bible? Is there continuing revelation or was God’s self disclosure completed 2,000 years ago? If revelation continues, how can we faithfully discern what is being revealed?

Feb 7 - Prayer: Seeking Union With the Divine Healer

Why pray and when is prayer appropriate? What modes of prayer are available to us? How do we make room to hear the voice of God in our lives? Are our prayers answered?

Feb 14 - Sin, Evil and Reconciliation: Grief and Suffering in an Imperfect World

What is sin? Why does evil exist? How can an all-good and all-powerful God allow bad things to happen to good people? Is suffering always destructive or can it have a constructive role? Why should we forgive and seek reconciliation?

Feb 21 - Living Faithfully: Serving Christ in All Persons

What is Christian love and what role does it play in our journey of faith? What does it mean to serve Christ? Is it easier to believe in Christ than follow him? How do we, and why would we try to, meet Christ in others?

Feb 28 - Justice & Peace: What Do We Mean by Justice and How Is It Related to Peace?

Is God’s justice about balancing the scales, taking an “eye for an eye,” or something else? What kind of justice is important in securing the peace? How do we see peace and justice lived out in today’s world, and how does that compare with Christ’s teachings?

Mar 7 - Book of Common Prayer: Does the way we pray determine the way we believe?

What is genesis of and reasons for the Book of Common Prayer? How does it shape belief? Why does “common prayer” matter? How do we experience God’s presence in our liturgy?