

THE GROANING OF THE SPIRIT:

As preached on Sunday, June 22nd, 2025

Read: Romans 8 (focus: vv. 22-27)

1. How has the idea of being God's temple—where heaven meets earth—influenced you lately?
2. How have you received God's love *to* you this week? How has God loved *through* you this week?
3. Read Exodus 3:7-8: How have you experienced God as Shepherd, coming to you as a minister?
 - God Seeing your pain and suffering?
 - God Hearing your cries/groans for help?
 - God Knowing your suffering?
 - Experiencing God being with you in the midst of...?
 - Hope that God is acting on your behalf?
4. What does it mean to you that God enters into your 'wordless groans' and is interceding for you?
5. What does it mean to you that God enters into people's pain and is interceding for the world?
How does it feel to you that God is inviting you to join in this intercession?
6. What is your experience of lamenting? Is there a particular Psalm that helps you lament?
7. Hope is the anticipation of joy. How have you experienced God's hope in the midst of lament?
8. How do you think people could experience lament and hope through you/us this week?