**Thursdays June 1 -June 29 at 10 am in person and on Zoom**

***Stages of Faith - the psychology of human development and the quest for meaning***

In each of our five sessions together we will work to answer the question, how do we grow in faith?

Many years ago Dr. James Fowler set forth to teach the world about the stages of faith development. Much like the work of his predecessors Jeanne Piaget and Eric Erickson, Fowler used research to develop an index., an index of faith development.

Our class will examine his methods and his research. More than that we will think and talk and pray about our own faith development, its relationship to our development and our quest for meaning. Looking closely at the question what impacts our faith development? Additionally, we will also look at a few of the challenges over the years to Fowlers’ research. The implications of gender bias and systemic racism on his models. What are the implications for how we might develop faith in our own continuing work of formation.

We are using Dr Fowler’s book, ***Stages of Faith*** , as our guideline. Before the first class on June 1, please take a moment to read the Introduction and Part 1 ,chapters 1-5 .

Syllabus (as of May 24)

June 1 What is faith? What is the process of faith?

Introduction and Part I

Homework Read Part II chapters 6-11

June 8 other theories of development your spiritual autobiography

Homework Read part IV – stages of faith development

June 15 Stages of Faith 0-3

Homework Read part V

June 22 Stages of Faith 4-6

Homework Articles

June 29 Implications for understanding – does it make any difference ?