***As the place where the divine presence dwells, our bodies are worthy of care and blessing and ought never to be degraded or exploited. It is through our bodies that we participate in God’s activity in the world.***

**Shared Vulnerability (Matthew 25:31-46)**

* eating and drinking (v.35)
* dressing and undressing (v.36a)
* bathing and touching (v.36b)
* presence (v.35c; 36c)

***Because our bodies are so vulnerable, we need each other to protect and care for them. Shaped by the things we do with and for one another every day, the practice of honoring our bodies allows us to (re)discover the sacredness of our own bodies and to shape communities committed to protecting the bodies of others.***

**Bodies are Sacred**

* Psalm 139:13-14
* Proverbs 16:31
* 1 Corinthians 6:19; 15:12-58
* Hebrews 10:25

***The Christian practice of honoring the body requires that we view the world through the lens of Jesus’ wounded but resurrected body. His broken body brings into focus the bodies of the sick and the wounded and the exploited. His resurrection shows us the beauty God intends for all bodies. As we love and suffer, as we seek God and each other, with our bodies, we remember that every body is blessed by God, deserving of protection and care.***

**Homework: read and/or listen to Leviticus 19:33-34 considering the practice of Christian hospitality**