

## **Devotion, Week of June 22, 2025**

### **Rev. Jeanne Simpson**

I offer another prayer this week from Walter Brueggemann, who wrote this prayer for a baptism class. We hope to celebrate a baptism in the coming weeks, so these words may help us remember our baptisms and ponder death to the old life and birth to a new life in the arms of our Savior.

You mark us with your water,

You scar us with your name,

You brand us with your vision,

And we ponder our baptism, your water,

Your name,

Your vision.

While we ponder, we are otherwise branded.

Our imagination is consumed by other brands,

-- winning with Nike,

-- pausing with Coca-Cola,

-- knowing and controlling with Microsoft.

Re-brand us,

Transform our minds,

Renew our imagination,

That we may be more fully who we are marked

And hoped to be,

We pray with candor and courage. Amen.

*Jeanne*