Scripture

Luke 8:1-3
Jesus journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God. Accompanying him were the Twelve and some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, Joanna, the wife of Herod’s steward Chuza, Susanna, and many others who provided for them out of their resources.

Our Scripture Reflection

Only Luke describes the band of followers who accompanied Jesus on the road: the twelve apostles, as we might imagine, but also some women of means, namely, Mary the Magdalene, Joanna and Susanna. Luke wants us to know that all are welcome to follow Jesus. And that includes you and me!

Food for your Journey

Sometimes, we overlook opportunities to shed light. Sue Bender writes: "When I stopped waiting for something 'significant' to happen, and instead began noticing what was happening, not what I wished was happening, a series of small miracles occurred .... Jung called them 'meaningful coincidences.' Peter, a Swiss friend, described the German word zufall, which roughly translates as 'to fall into.' 'Something falls to you,' he said, 'not as something you caused, but a coincidence you are ready to accept and absorb in your life.' I realized he was describing serendipity. I notice these moments come when I'm not demanding or insistent that they come. Today, stapled on a telephone pole crowded with other posters, I saw: 'Allow -- for the possibilities.'"
A Prayer from the Heart

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding,
and my entire will,
All I have and call my own.
You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace,
that is enough for me. Amen
(From St. Ignatius Loyola 16thc)