



ALL MY DAYS

Worship Design Studio Worship Series

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. — Philippians 4:6

Prayer can be an abstract idea for some of us. When, where, what, and how do we pray? And why would we do it? Cultures and religions throughout time and space have turned to tangible objects to help them answer these questions. In this worship series, we will explore the ancient and cross-traditional use of prayer beads as a way to connect with the Holy and with each other for “all our days.”

Be Still and Know

Presence

Praise

Purpose

Petition

Pardon

Protection

Persistence



“Prayer is a small fire lit to keep cold hands warm. Prayer is a practice that flourishes both with faith and doubt. Prayer is asking and prayer is sitting. Prayer is the breath. Prayer is not an answer, always, because not all questions can be answered. Prayer can be a rhythm that helps us make sense in times of senselessness, not offering solutions, but speaking to and from the mystery of humanity.” - Pádraig Ó Tuama, Daily Prayer with the Corrymeela Community

“Prayer is...” How would you finish this sentence? Prayer is such a personal, and often ambiguous, practice. Are we not “pray-ers” if we don’t start with “Dear God...” and end with “Amen?” Can prayer be simply an attitude, a heightened moment of attention to our surroundings, or a gasp of gratitude when beauty crosses our path? I would say yes and yes and yes. Prayer is many things, in my understanding. Even the disciples needed some coaching from Jesus about how to pray.

Join us for our 8 week worship series on prayer beginning June 7.

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine." ~ Proverbs 3:9-10

Many of us grew up being taught that you don't ask people how much they make. It isn't anyone's business. Because of this, conversations that revolve around money tend to be avoided because, most of the time, they aren't comfortable conversations.

This is especially true within the church. Speaking about money is difficult. This is part of the reason I continue to make offering time a portion of our worship service. What we, as the Body of Christ, need to remember, is that we are instructed to give a portion of what we have back to God, because God is where we get our treasure from in the first place.

Early on in our marriage, like most people, David and I lived paycheck to just before the next paycheck. I spent many hours crying because I didn't know how we were going to make ends meet. In that time, we had stopped giving to the church.

I remember when, together, we decided we needed to start giving again. Once we did, it didn't matter how hopeless we felt about making ends meet in that month, when we intentionally gave to the church, even a little, something would happen, and we would be able to pay all of our monthly bills. The money just..... showed up.

I remember one time David got a bonus check, and we were very excited because we had some unexpected extra money. That Sunday, I was getting ready to leave church to head home, and when I put the car into reverse, there was a loud thunk! and jerk. The tie bar broke, and we had to get the car towed to get it fixed. But....we had the money to pay for it—when just a week earlier, we would have had to borrow some money! (No, it wasn't how we wanted to use the money, but we don't always get what we want. But we do get what we need.

To this day, I still marvel at the miracle of giving back to God. God promises that if we joyfully give a portion of our blessings back to God, we will be blessed. This is part of having faith.

This year, we have had some unexpected repairs on the parsonage, and we know that sometime before winter, we will have to deal with our boiler that heats the basement

because it isn't working. Both of these are big ticket items. And thankfully, we have the money for them—insurance for almost all of the parsonage kitchen, and money in our maintenance reserve fund for the boiler.

But there are other things that need done as well. The deck on the parsonage needs replaced, as the boards are rotting away. Our custodians of 30+ years have retired, and we will need to not only pay someone new, but the Barclays donated almost 100% of all the janitorial supplies we use in the church, which means the church will have to start paying for them.

And the ministries we do here at the church are not immune to price increases—which means they are needed all the more within our community. Food prices have increased, which means we are receiving less food for the Little Food Pantry; and the meat and cheese for making the weekly sandwiches is more expensive.

We are Faith First Community Church. And when we remain faithful, God provides. But each of us has to do our part. As we move into summer, and people travel more, we want to remind you to continue intentionally share your firstfruit with God. There are many ways you can do that. (If you need help—just ask!)

Unfortunately, as we prepare for our 2027 budget, we are going to have to have some very tough financial conversations. My guess is these will be uncomfortable, and probably stressful (especially for the Board—those who have to lead the conversations). But we are called to be stewards of all that we are given, and the money given to the church is included in that.

But let us not forget—like I said a moment ago—we are Faith First Community Church. We have always lived into that name, and we won't stop living into it now. Our faith comes first. We will continue to trust that, when we follow God's instruction to give of our firstfruits, we will be given what we need, and then some.

And for that, I offer God all my thanks and praise!
Always Peace,
Pastor Heidi

Bible Quiz

King David wanted to build a glorious temple for worshiping God and for housing the ark of the covenant. God, however, did not permit him to build it. Instead, God chose Solomon, David's son, to head up the building program. Why wasn't David allowed the honor of building the temple?

- A. David was getting too old to supervise such an undertaking.
- B. David had been a warrior and had shed blood.
- C. David had stopped taking God seriously.
- D. David's attention was required elsewhere.

Answer: (1 Chronicles 28:3)



Hope at the Brick House

We are not scheduled to serve in June.

Share-A-Meal

We are scheduled to serve on June 18th.



Women's Group will meet at the church on June 4th at 6:45 p.m.

Newsletter articles are due the 3rd Sunday of the month.

**July Newsletter article deadline is June 21.
July Newsletter will be mailed by June 28.**

Treasurer's Report April 2026			
PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	APRIL	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 6,677.00	\$ 6,086.00	\$ 29,140.00
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 285.00	\$ 1,316.00
OCWM	\$ 144.00	\$ 181.00	\$ 616.00
DOCM	\$ 38.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 92.00
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 332.00	\$ 487.00	\$ 1,292.00
Total Giving	\$ 7,191.00	\$ 7,071.00	\$ 32,456.00
GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET		TOTAL YTD
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 6,677.00	\$ 6,371.00	\$ 30,456.00
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 230.60	\$ 451.82
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ 2,489.14	\$ 15,627.91
Total Gen Fund Inc	\$ 6,677.00	\$ 9,090.74	\$ 46,535.73
Pastor Expense	\$ 94,152.00	\$ 6,992.36	\$ 30,463.25
Employee Expense	\$ 16,951.00	\$ 1,390.84	\$ 5,403.44
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 4,586.00	\$ 334.45	\$ 1,007.40
Office Expense	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 369.16	\$ 1,783.50
Property Expense	\$ 28,680.00	\$ 2,137.04	\$ 12,941.47
Total Gen Fun Exp	\$ 150,619.00	\$ 11,223.85	\$ 51,599.06
Net General Fund	\$ (143,942.00)	\$ (2,133.11)	\$ (5,063.33)
Submitted by Martha Watters			



1	Trenton Wakeland
2	Dennis Jacobsen
13	Karen Wakeland
23	Janelle Hoker
26	Lennon Perreault

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



SAND DOLLAR — These delicate shells, found in shades of white, tan and soft purple, come from sea urchins related to starfish and sea cucumbers. Their unique markings have long been associated with the story of Christ's birth and death. The faint images resemble a poinsettia and a lily, symbols often connected to Christmas and Easter. Five small openings are said to represent the four nails and the spear used at the crucifixion. Inside the shell are tiny shapes that look like doves, a reminder of the Holy Spirit.

Our Faith First Family

Linda Cox
Arlene Barclay
Deb Sullivan
Becky Christy
Glenn Perreault
Don Walton
Pastor Heidi
Sid and Ardella Boots
Karen Risler
Rev. Barb Koenig

Our Homebound

Paul Dammeier
Dennis Jacobsen
Hazel Jones
Harriet Meyer
Colleen Skinner
Harry Stroupe

Our Family and Friends

Bill McCoy
Dean Schmidt
Albert Perreault
Fran Frutiger
JR Showens
Lorie House
Judy Cummings
Nilofar Basti
Lylah Stineman
Garrett Paxton
Kylie
Taunia Waters
Terry Showens

Our World Prayers for June

Angola, Mozambique, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Eswatini, Botswana, Zimbabwe,
Malawi, Zambia, Kenya, Tanzania, Iran



Reflecting the Father's Name

Renowned actor Sidney Poitier once said, "I decided in my life that I would do nothing that did not reflect positively on my father's life." For those blessed with a father they admire and respect, such a decision can be deeply shaping. How might it influence the way you set priorities, live with integrity, or serve as a positive example to the young people watching your life? For all of us — children of the only perfect Father — may this be our prayer and intention:

God, while earthly fathers are a blend of strengths and flaws, you give yourself to us as our heavenly Father, wholly loving, kind and deeply invested in our good. Help me seek to reflect positively on you. May my life spread your love, kindness and care far and wide, and may others see you in me. Amen.

Called Friends by Christ

According to John's Gospel, Jesus said to those who knew him best, "No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends. ... You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit" (John 15:15-16, ESV).

The depth of Christ's friendship is seen in his willingness to give his life for his friends — and for us as well. "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you" (John 15:13-14, ESV).

By obeying our Lord and showing love to others, we demonstrate our friendship with Christ. Friendship with Christ and with one another is, according to the Christian layman and president Woodrow Wilson, "the only cement that will hold the world together."

JUNE 2026

	1 Troop 828 Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.	2  Primary Election Polling Place 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.	3 Attic Shop 9 a.m.	4 Women's Group 6:45 p.m.	5 Tay & TJ's Wedding Rehearsal 3:00 p.m.	6 Tay & TJ's Wedding 11 a.m.
7 Worship 10:00 a.m.	8 Troop 828 Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.	9 Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.	10	11	12 	13
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21 Worship 10:00 a.m.  Newsletter Articles Due	22 Troop 828 Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.	23 Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.	24 	25 Basket Class 5:30 p.m.	26 Mail Newsletter	27
28 Worship 10:00 a.m.	29 Troop 828 Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.	30 Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.				