

February 7, 2024

Dear CONNECT Family,



Family Spiritual Practice

Faith Talk:

We often recite the Lord's Prayer in worship from memory. It is a prayer we know and love; it brings us comfort. This week, I invite you to spend some time studying the Lord's Prayer. Read through several versions of the prayer - [HERE](#) are some examples.

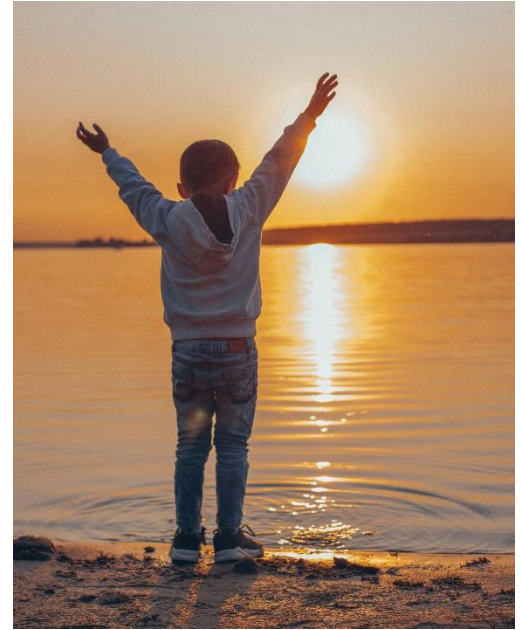
Is there one you like best? Why? One you don't like at all? Why not?

Look up the words you don't understand.

Read what happened before and after the Lord's Prayer in the Bible in the book of Matthew 6.

Think about what Jesus meant when he said the words and what the words mean for you today.

Thank God for guiding us every day.



What I am reading:

[Standing in The Need of Prayer: A Modern Retelling of the Classic Spiritual](#)

Written by Carole Boston Weatherford and Illustrated by Frank Morrison.

[The Lord's Prayer](#) by Tim Ladwig

What I am watching

[The Lord's Prayer](#) sung by Jackie Evancho.

[The Lord's Prayer](#) simple explanation for Kids.

Quote, I've Been Thinking About:

"A little girl, drawing a picture, was asked by her mother: "What are you drawing?"

She replied: "A picture of God!"

"But we don't know what God looks like", her mother objected.

"Well, replied the child, "When I am finished with this then you will know what God looks like!"

- Ronald Rolheiser in: Against an Infinite Horizon: the Finger of God in Our Everyday Lives.

WHAT WE ARE WONDERING ABOUT

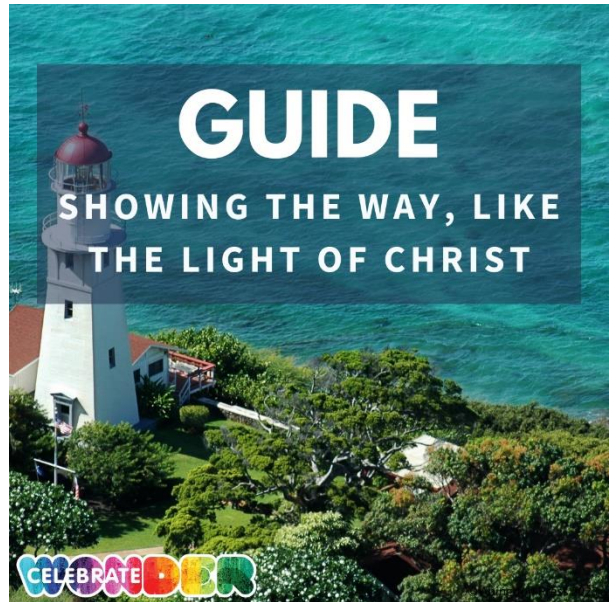
February Faith Word: Guide - Showing the Way, like the Light of Christ!

Last Sunday:

Last Sunday, we worshiped together in the Sanctuary! It was Communion Sunday and all were welcomed.

Our "Prayground" or "Grace Space" was set up in the front - near the chancel, and welcomed our precious little humans so they could have the best Worship experience possible.

HERE is a little reminder of our welcome to worship!



This Sunday:

This Sunday, we will wonder about the Lord's Prayer. The Lord's Prayer contains elements Jesus considered important when praying: asking God for guidance in our lives, forgiveness, praise, and thanks.

We will wonder together about the importance of prayer. God wants us to consider not only our desires in our prayers but also the desires and needs of others.

We will focus on the Lord's Prayer as a way to connect to the tradition of our faith but also learn that Jesus wants us to pray to connect to God, to ourselves, and to one another.

Coming Up

February 11 - CONNECT - 9 AM

The Lord's Prayer - Matthew 6:5-15

February 18 - CONNECT - 9 AM

Jesus Calms the Storm - Mark 4:35-41

February 25 - CONNECT - 9 AM

Mary and Martha - Luke 10:38-42

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

You will not want to miss this!!! Coming Soon.



COMING SOON

A way of being church for all-ages to join in experiencing fun and faith formative activities.

Based on the values of all-ages together, celebration, creativity, hospitality, and centering ourselves in Christ.

March 10

4:00 pm

TALK TO SUSAN ADAM-RITA FOR MORE INFORMATION

Wonderful online classes

**Michigan State University Extension
Child and Family Development Offerings**

Extension Extra's Parenting Hour

These free online parenting workshops will provide guidance for parents of young children as they navigate the challenges, concerns, and joys of parenting. Participants may register for as few or as many workshops as they wish. The workshops are on Tuesday evenings from 8:00 to 9:30PM EST as follows:

Class dates:

- 2/13/2024: Purpose of Play
- 2/20/2024: Setting the Stage: Promoting social-emotional health in young children
- 2/27/2024: Together We Can: Co-parenting
- 3/05/2024: Reducing Challenging Behaviors in Toddlers
- 3/12/2024: Talking With Kids About Race
- 3/19/2024: Screen Time for Children
- 3/26/2024: Supporting Children Through Grief and Loss (Guest Expert)
- **Class Times:** 8:00PM to 9:30PM
- **Registration:** https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_viGxTEIqSdKY2cEX2EhVbQ#/registration
- Attached are flyers for these workshops and graphics for social media
- For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at aldric82@msu.edu

The Parent Talk System

Do you feel like your children aren't listening to you? Do you find yourself constantly repeating yourself trying to gain compliance? This 6 week series is for parents of children of all ages and is designed to improve communication and provide practical verbal strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. Topics include eliminating unwanted behavior, setting limits, teaching about consequences, giving effective feedback, promoting independence, and developing character. Certificates of attendance are available.

- **Class dates:** February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4
- **Class times:** 11:30am-1:00pm ET
- **Registration:** https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bj8nWuROCeXu6vY
- For more information, contact Courtney Aldrich, aldric82@msu.edu

Check out more classes [HERE](#) and [HERE](#)

WATCH:

Online CONNECT Services:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a5mmX-sncng>

You can find all our videos on the CFUMC YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-oDHg9zaImC42npYW0EvTA>

Follow us on Instagram

- **Instagram** - follow us on Instagram <http://instagram.com/chelseafumc.children>

Love and Peace,
Susan



Ordinary people learning to love like Jesus.