

Sermon Outline:

Discover the Fullness of Life in Christ-Part 3 - PRAYER

Question: What is the role of prayer in a disciple's knowledge of God and how can a disciple effectively pray?

Prayer is a transparent dialogue. It is a conversation with God whereby we address Him and in quiet are addressed by Him.

Four of the facets of prayer: They are summarized by the acronym ACTS.

Adoration - worshipping God for who He is apart from what He has done for us. Hebrews 13:15

Confession - acknowledging to God our sin and receiving forgiveness. I John 1:9

Thanksgiving - expressing to God our gratefulness for all He has done for us. Psalm 100:4

Supplication - interceding to God for ourselves and others. James 4:2,3; Philippians 4:6

Prayer is a relationship with God

How we perceive our parents affects our perception of God

How we responded to our parents affects our response to God

Prayer is a partnership with God - Revelation 8

The First Congregational Church

United Church of Christ



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 3, 2019

10:00 a.m.

* those who are able, please stand
As you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of those already
seated who want a quiet place to pray.

The Order of Worship

Prelude **Sylvia Lee**

Chimes

Call to Worship

Welcome

Opening Prayer

***Opening Hymn** **Blue Hymnal #33**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Story Bell **Mat Emerick**

"Rooster's Feast" (South African Folktale)

Hymn of Preparation **Blue Hymnal #654**

“Change My Heart O, God”

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true,
Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.

**You are the Potter, I am the clay;
Mold me and make me, This is what I pray,
Change my heart O God, Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, May I be like You. (Repeat **)

Scripture Reading **119 N.T.**

Acts 2

Message **Pastor Ray Dekker**
Discover the Fullness - Prayer *(see outline on back page)*

***Hymn** **Blue Hymnal #462**

“Come Share the Lord”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Music **Sylvia Lee**

***Apostle’s Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the People and Silent Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Offertory **Sylvia Lee**

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

*** Closing** **Blue Hymnal #438**

“Jesus Saves”

We have heard the joyful sound: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Spread the tidings all around: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Bear the news to every land; Climb the steeps and cross the waves
Onward! ‘tis our Lord’s command. Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

***Benediction**

***Pastor:** The Peace of Christ be with you. **Congregation:** And also with
you.

***Postlude** **Sylvia Lee**

The psalmist declared to God, "For what you have done I will always praise you in the presence of your faithful people" We, too, gather to praise the Lord. Welcome!

*Visitors ~ Welcome! There is a Welcome Packet in the pew rack for you. Please fill out the Guest Information insert, place it in the offering plate and take the packet home for review of the other information. We are thankful you are here and hope that your time here is a special blessing to you and your family. Please let us know how we can best serve you.

*Large print Bibles, bulletins, and Children's bulletins are available from the ushers. Quiet bags for children to use while they are in the worship service are available on the table in the narthex.

*Children are an important segment of the living body of Christ, so we welcome them in our worship services and grant to them the blessing of worshiping along side their parents, siblings and family in Christ. Families with young nursery age children are also welcome to use the "Family Room" in the balcony located on the 2nd floor.

*Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-Coil Hearing Loop. Please turn your hearing aid to the T-Coil position to access this feature. Other hearing devices are available at the sound booth upon request.

*The Deacons invite you to join us for a few moments of prayer in the library at 9:40 a.m. each Sunday morning. We want to ask God to prepare our hearts for worship, to guide those leading worship in word and song and invite the Holy Spirit to minister to our church family and visitors. Please come and pray!

Following the worship service you are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall. Come meet new friends and have some refreshments. We look forward to meeting you.

Serving Us:

Altar Rep:	Susan Zeerip
Altar Flowers:	(today) Millie Sherman(next week)
Greeters:	(today) Ted Caris(next week)
Ushers:	Dick Ramm, Bill Black, Georgia Paxton(today) Guy & Raene' Redinger(next week)
Compassion:	Judy Clapp
Keyboard:	Sylvia Lee
Sound System:	Rick St. Peter
Coffee Hosts:	Dean & Jean Morehouse(today) (next week)

Celebrating this week:

Happy Birthday to ~

Alissa Pullman (4), Bob DeShetler, Christie Pollock (8),
Pastor Ray Dekker (9)

Prayer Requests ~

(Prayer requests will be printed for two weeks. The person or family requesting prayer must call the church office or Pastor Ray in order to have the request printed)

Barb & Ted Clark & family - death of Barb's mom, Pauleen
Cousineau

Shelli Waldo - health concerns

Our shut-ins: Frank Blain, Bob DeShetler, Bob Erber, Barb
Lindner, Jim & Jean Morse, Marge Peets, Siria Pinnick, Don
Potter, Norma Purvis, Karen Zick

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, February 3

9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library
10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
SCRIP is available for purchase

Monday, February 4

10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Board Meeting - Pat
Krehn's Home (see minutes for directions)

Tuesday, February 5 - *Church Office Closed*

5:00 p.m. Violin Lessons - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 6

6:15 p.m. Praise Group Rehearsal - sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 7 - *Church Office Closed*

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open
10:00 a.m. Christmas Crafters - Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 8

Saturday, February 9

9:00 a.m. Woodshop Open

Sunday, February 10

8:45 a.m. Choir Rehearsal - sanctuary
9:40 a.m. Prayer Time - Library
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
SCRIP is available for purchase
5:30 p.m. CongoEnJoyMeant - Fellowship Hall

Our Church News

Pastor Ray is preparing a series of messages to begin 2019 entitled: "Discovering the Fullness of New Life". In weeks 1-6 we will explore some ways that God delivers "New Life" to us.

We are still looking for Deacon Handbooks. If you are a past Deacon and have a book lying around please turn it in to the church office.

Women's Fellowship Valentine Luncheon will be held on Thursday, February 14. A sign up sheet is located in Fellowship Hall. Menu and cost to be determined.

Requested Announcements

Love Inc - Newaygo is in need of volunteers in the following areas: Cashiers, Sorting Room, Donation Receiving and Truck Drivers (delivery/pickup). If any of these volunteer opportunities interest you please contact Love Inc 652-4099.

Appearing in Concert - 4One Quartet Sunday, Feb 10, 5:30 - 7:00 pm Croton Trinity Bible Church, 8198 S Croton/Hardy Drive, Newaygo.

Feed My Starving Children would like volunteers for 2 hours sometime on March 22 and 23. Meeting at True North to put together "food packs" which will be sent to developing countries with starving children. Learn more at FMSC.ORG/MOBILE PACK or call Linda at 231-225-2469.

Wellspring Adult Day Services invites you to the "Fill the Well" Dinner Fundraiser at The Commons of Fremont on March 23 at 6:30 PM. Come and enjoy a great meal and learn more about the Wellspring mission. Ticket cost is \$50 per person, buy a single ticket or purchase a whole table and invite your friends. Limited seating please call Tammy Cowley at 231.638.8786 to reserve your seat and choose your entrée. Entrees available: prime rib, herb & parmesan crusted white fish, chicken cordon bleu & egg plant parmesan (vegetarian option). All proceeds will be used to continue our mission to provide safe, stimulating, Christian care for senior adults and respite for their caregivers.

Would you like to read to a patient who can no longer see the pages? Play cards with someone who is lonely? Watch a Tigers game with a patient while their spouse goes out to get groceries? Document a life story for someone who wants to leave their stories behind for their loved ones? Spectrum Health Hospice is looking for additional volunteers in the Fremont/Newaygo area that are interested in supporting our patients

through the compassionate donation of time and caring. We offer a flexible Volunteer Orientation program and there is no cost for the training. Volunteers are able to determine what geographic area they would like to serve patients in. Average time commitment is one hour per week after orientation is completed. Please contact us with your interest or for additional information! 616-391-4240 or hospice.volunteers@spectrumhealth.org

A Night to Believe with Russ & Tori Taff - music, movie, q&a Saturday, March 23, 6 p.m. at the First Christian Reformed Church. Tickets are \$10 at the First Christian Reformed Church or online at www.iTickets.com

"ConGo Enjoy-Meant" Events

We are "ConGo" (Christians on the Go) and meant to go and enjoy good food and fun activities together!

"Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Neh. 8:10

"Go and enjoy":

Feb 10- Hungarian Goulash and Hymn Sing 5:30-7:00- The original Goulash is a delicious stew of meat. Its origin traces back to the 9th century to stews eaten by Hungarian shepherds. It is much different than our American goulash. Come and try it and sing some songs that will lift your soul!

March 10- Tacorama and Hymn Sing 5:30-7:00pm- A fully stocked taco bar will be provided as well as another inspiring hymn sing and of course trivia while we eat! If anyone would like to provide one of the food items for the taco bar that would be great!

April 27- Vaudeville Show at the Dogwood 7:00pm- Another fun outreach variety show from CONGO to the community.

May 18- "Congo-Que" with Professional Barbequer Mark Wescott ("Smokin' Good Time BBQ")- More details TBA but put it on your calendar!

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