

October 9, 2020

Dear Friends,

This week I am reminded of Jesus' words: "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you...Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"

God knows what we need, so why bother asking? I will suggest three reasons. First, we ask because the reality is that we are radically dependent; we need God and what God offers. Second, we ask to keep ourselves from entitlement; we are neither owed nor deserving, rather we are recipients of mercy. Third, we ask because it opens us to right relationship; we draw near to the God of Life, giver of all good things. (These thoughts are inspired by my recent reading of chapter seven of *Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps* by R. Rohr).

My daughter shared this song with me earlier in the week: [I Will Wait for You](#). Maybe you will find it as grounding and comforting as I did. Asking and waiting go hand in hand.

Sunday Online Worship Gathering at 10 a.m.

Matt Bellefeuille will grapple with a challenging parable in Matthew 22:1-14. What is Jesus saying? What's the good news?

For a Zoom link, please [contact the church office](#).

For this week's scripture readings and other announcements, go to [Sunday's bulletin](#).

Sunday School for grades 4-6 at 11:15 a.m.

For a Zoom link to 'send' your child to Sunday School (grades 4-6) at 11:15 a.m., please contact [our family pastor](#).

Tuesday Prayer Gathering: October 13

Please [contact the prayer team](#) with your requests for prayer.

Praying with the Psalmists: Healing (October 28)

We continue with small in-house gatherings at least one Wednesday evening per month. This month our Praying with the Psalmists theme is *Healing*. Chris and Heather Barrett will be joining me to facilitate an evening of worship and prayer with Communion. Al and Beth Fleming will lead us in worship through music. Please [register here](#) for our October 28th gathering (7 p.m.).

With love and prayers,

Pastor Kerry Kronberg (with the whole team)

