Prayer Series REV. HENRY CLAY NEPC SERMON SERIES SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

Sermon Title: "IHOP – International House of Prayer" (#1 in the Sermon Series)

Scripture text: Isaiah 56:7

Main Points:

- 1. Purposes. What was God thinking?
 - a. Our GOOD. Bless our lives.
 - b. His GLORY.
- 2. Practices. How should we be living?

Questions:

- 1. Ice Breaker Question How long can you hold your breath? Is breathing a good picture of prayer or do you have one you like better?
- 2. **Transition Question** Before this sermon, how would you have answered the question "Why does God want us to pray?"
- 3. **Observation Question** God says His house should be called a House of Prayer for the nations. What does it look like if a church is really a "House of Prayer"? What does it mean that it is "for the nations"?
- 4. Interpretation Question From what you learned in the sermon, why does God want us to pray? How does prayer glorify God? There may be several answers to this question.
- 5. **Reflection Question** To what degree do you feel like our church is a "house of prayer? What might be some next steps for our church?
- 6. **Application Question** Is your house a house of prayer? Do you think it should be? What do you feel God might be asking of you in this area of prayer? What are your next steps?

