Prayer Series REV. HENRY CLAY NEPC SERMON SERIES SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

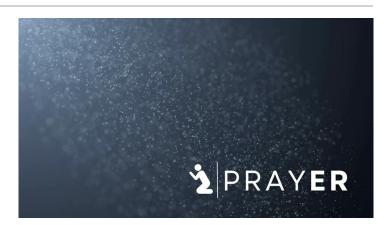
Sermon Title: "I Will Ask...And He Will Give"

(#3 in the Sermon Series)

Scripture text: John 14:13-16

Main Points:

- 1. Enemies of Asking
 - a. It sounds like selfishness.
 - b. We forget to follow the example of Jesus.
 - c. We think worship sounds more worthy.
 - d. We haven't determined our desires.
 - e. We are more drawn to doing than asking.
- 2. Keys to asking well
 - a. Surrender b. Faith c. Hope d. Love



More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice rise like a fountain for me night and day. For what are men better than sheep or goats that nourish a blind life within the brain, if, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer both for themselves and those who call them friend? For so the whole round earth is every way bound by gold chains about the feet of God. (Alfred Lord Tennyson)

The prayer of faith detonates the ancient oaths of God. The seeds of the promises of God await the quickening water of the prayers of the saints.

Questions:

- 1. Read and discuss John 14:13-16. What does Jesus teach and model about prayer? Discuss the quote by Tennyson.
- 2. Talk about how you first learned to pray. Was it as a child or as an adult? How has it evolved in your life?
- 3. This Sunday's message was on making your requests known to God. Which of the 5 enemies of asking could you most relate to and why?
- 4. What is one of the biggest answered prayers you have ever had?
- 5. Do you or have you ever used a prayer list? How did that go for you?
- 6. What has the NEPC Year of Prayer meant to you so far? If it has been underwhelming for you, what is something you could do to make a difference?
- 7. Close with a "season of prayer" giving time for those that want to lift your hearts to God.