

## Pastor's Note

Hello

Prayer is first about awe, realizing that the God who created and sustains the world also listens to us as we pray. Truly, the sovereign God hears our prayers and cares deeply about our lives.

Prayer orients us. When we bring God our thoughts, praise, petitions, laments, and gratitude—we are orienting ourselves to reality. In other words, we are acknowledging and naming the truth that God is Creator and we are his creatures. God reigns over all, and we are fully dependent on him. We are weak, but he is strong. God is the giver, and we are receivers.

A phone call in the middle of the night impressed this truth on Ruth Boven. She and her husband were in Mozambique. Back home, her sister had given birth to premature twins. The situation was critical. Overwhelmed with feelings of helplessness that she had not known before, she saw how dependent we are on God. Though she could not physically help in that situation, she could pour out her heart to the listening, all-powerful God.

Prayer is necessary because it is the most important part of our thankfulness to God. Even in times of trouble, knowing that God cares and wants to carry our burdens of sorrow and pain gives us a reason to give thanks.

So give thanks today in prayer. God is listening, and he cares.

Blessings,

Scott

