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Sunday Postscript



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Knocking on Heaven's Door

JULY 27, 2025 AT 10 AM
PENINSULA UNITED CHURCH

REFLECTION BY REV DR GREG GLATZ



A SUMMER FRUIT BASKET

THE JULY 2025 REFLECTION SERIES
AMOS 8:1-12

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Text

Luke 11:5-13 (NRSV)

Key Verses

8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

Reflection Questions

1. What is something you have persistently asked God for in the past? How did that experience shape your faith—whether the request was answered or not?
2. How does it change your view of prayer to think that God is already at work in your life before a single prayer is answered? What does this say about God's character and your relationship with God?
3. In your current life, where are you being invited to ask, search, or knock? What stops you from doing so with boldness or vulnerability?
4. What's one area where you've mistaken prayer as a "vending machine" transaction rather than a formational process? How can you reframe your prayers as part of an ongoing relationship with God?
5. In his parable, Jesus is inviting us to experience a transformed heart, from guarded to open; a transformed posture, from control to surrender; and a transformed mindset, from urgency to endurance. Which of these transformations speaks most to you right now?

Prayer Prompts

1. Prayer of memory and gratitude. "God, remind me of a time I asked persistently in prayer—whether the answer came or not. Thank you for how you were working in me through that season. Help me see how it shaped my faith and trust in you."
2. Prayer of trust in God's presence. "Holy One, help me believe that you are already at work in my life—even before I see outcomes or answers. Strengthen my trust in your loving presence that never leaves me alone."
3. Prayer for courage to ask, search, knock. "Loving God, I name the areas in my life where I feel lost, hesitant, or stuck. Give me the courage to ask for help, to search with hope, and to knock with persistence, trusting that you welcome me at every stage."
4. Prayer of reframing. "Gracious God, forgive me when I treat prayer like a transaction. Teach me to seek relationship instead of results. Shape me through the process of coming to you again and again with honesty, patience, and humility."
5. Prayer of transformation. "Jesus, I long for a transformed life. Soften my guarded heart, make me bold in love. Teach me to surrender instead of clinging to control. Stretch my mindset from urgency to endurance. I want to grow into the person you are calling me to be."

We'd like to hear from you!

Did some part of this postscript speak to you?

Send an email to minister@peninsulaunited.com.

Midweek Reflection Discussion Groups

Peninsula United Church offers small groups to enjoy a relaxed and thoughtful conversation inspired by Sunday's reflection (sermon). The small groups use the reflection questions and prayer prompts in this newsletter to explore our insights and responses, and encourage one another in applying them to daily life. Bring a friend! Haven't watched the service yet? No problem—everyone is welcome!

Join us on **Wednesdays at 1:30 PM** at **1685 152A St., Surrey (Community Room)**. **RSVP appreciated**. Please contact Marilyn at marilynhahnbc@gmail.com, and she will save you a seat.

A second group is starting in August (also on Wednesday afternoons). Details TBA.

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