Recently, Stan has been playing the Pentatonix’ acapella version of the beautiful hymn “The Prayer” from their new Christmas album. I am moved every time, not only by the divinely beautiful music, but by the heartfelt prayer of the lyrics. Early in the pandemic Andrea Bocelli offered up this prayer in a concert broadcast around the world. The lyrics continue to be so appropriate for these pandemic times, but also, I believe, for Community Church of Honolulu as we seek God’s grace and guidance on our journey.

Click on this link to hear the Pentatonix sing “The Prayer:” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnvzwAPqniU

As we listen, may the words fill our hearts, and let us pray together for our world, our community, and our church. Amen.

**THE PRAYER**
By David Foster

*I pray you'll be our eyes*
And watch us where we go
And help us to be wise
In times when we don't know.

*Let this be our prayer*
When we lose our way
Lead us to a place
Guide us with your grace
To a place where we'll be safe.

*I pray we'll find your light*
And hold it in our hearts,
When the stars go out each night
Remind us where you are.

*Let this be our prayer*
When shadows fill our day
Lead us to a place
Guide us with your grace
To a place where we'll be safe.
A world where pain and sorrow will be ended
And every heart that's broken will be mended
And we'll remember we are all God's children
Reaching out to touch you
Reaching to the sky.

We ask that life be kind
And watch us from above
We hope each soul will find
Another soul to love.

Let this be our prayer:
Just like every child
Needs to find a place
Guide us with your grace
Give us faith so we'll be safe.