Hello lovely saints of FPC!

At the end of September, 17 Somethings journeyed to Ocean Isle for a weekend of prayer, worship and connection guided by the words of the prophet Isaiah (43:1-7). In our time together they wrote 19 notes to folks on our prayer list, remembering that we are not a group in isolation, but belong to the greater family of faith we have been called to live life with.

We ended our time together on Sunday morning, where the Somethings led worship through music, prayer, assurances, scripture and passing of the peace. Before communion we prayed a prayer of great thanksgiving together. I invite you to read the words they spoke aloud by the ocean on that sacred morning together, and ponder the ways God's grace is moving in your life.

Thank you for your continued support and love for this ministry. God is doing amazing things!

Love,

Pastor Esther

Eternal God,

In the beginning, you created us from nothing, and in the cosmos of your radical love we found glory and meaning. (Roxana)

In the beginning, you created a garden of love and abundance, and in response to this gift we chose to abandon and reject you. (Clare)

But in response to our sin, you sent prophets to call us back to you, reminding us of your eternal love. (Elizabeth)

When we did not listen, you sent your Holy Child, the embodiment of divinity and humanity, to save us from the devastation of a broken world. (Emily)

We give you thanks, for this love which called us in the beginning and has followed us to this moment.

In the life of our Savior, we saw the beauty of what it means to be called into love; (Roxana)

We heard of children, honored and protected by you.
We heard of women, declared whole and free by you.
We heard of crowds, seen for the fullness of their being, by you.
We heard of sinners, redeemed in the light of your radiant grace.
We heard of us, created and formed, beckoned and called, to be your beloved. (Lexy)

We give thanks, that at this table of grace is the greatest call of our lives; the call to back in the reality of your expansive, everlasting love and kindness. (Megan)

At this table we come as we are—as your children, as your greatest creations. (Megan)

Pour out your spirit upon this gift of bread and wine. May our hearts be fully open to receive the abundance of your love made tangible in our lives. (Elizabeth)

We pray all this in your name, saying, Our father…(Eric)