



Outside Prayers

# “Spider Webs & Connection”

Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

□ Go outside. Find a spider web. Observe it. Notice how it was built. Notice where it is connected to structures and plants, and where it is connected to itself.

It floats out across open space where nothing was before. It must be able to absorb blows and take the impact of fast-moving insects without completely collapsing. Even if structural damage happens to part of the web, it must be constructed in such a way that the other parts remain intact. It must be both strong, and flexible. It is constantly being remade and reshaped. The strength is in the many points of connection and intersection. Every part of the web is so interconnected that there is no such thing as a single strand falling isolated to the ground.

The apostle Paul wrote with a similar idea in mind when he described the body of Christ,

*“If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.” (1 Corinthians 12:26).*

Reflect on our Netarts Friends Church family. What if we were as interconnected as this web? What if there was no such thing as an individual “taking a hit” that the entire body didn’t participate in absorbing, repairing, and reshaping? What is this spider web showing you about how God would have us float out over the open and unknown space of 2021? In what ways are you called to connect and participate in the body of Christ today?

*“All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.” –Acts 2:44-47*

