

LIMEY PASTOR

The first prayer my mother taught me

My mother was my first teacher of prayer, and I am thinking of her tonight. I remember her as a young woman sitting on my little bed, showing me how to hold my hands together —



COLIN BROWN
Faith

and I wept bitterly. I wept with gratitude for her love and her life, for knowing that love for a while.

The next day at her funeral service I shared this simple prayer of gratitude with those who came to the service and I said this same prayer with the congregation. Gratitude is a fountain that mothers can unleash.

The venerable Austrian Benedictine monk David Steindl-Rast has recommended gratitude to us as a path to holy joy. If we live with gratitude we will always glimpse God's love at work in our lives.

I am grateful to my friends in Eastern Oregon and grateful to your kind and decent families, grateful for the hospitality you have shown me. I ask for holy blessing on all your houses. I am grateful for you.

My mother's prayer lives in me as part of the song of God.

In Jesus' name, Amen and thank you.

Colin Brown is the former pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Boardman.

"Thank you for the world so sweet.
Thank you for the food we eat.
Thank you for the birds that sing.
Thank you God for everything."

We sang this prayer together at night, and as I grew older, it became a part of me, before I began to say the Lord's Prayer. This was my mother's prayer.

The last time I said this prayer out loud was in Cornwall in my ancestral land. I had flown in the day before from Oregon, and my father met me at the airport and I went to the funeral home where my father's friend, the undertaker, opened my mother's casket and I saw this same sweet woman, diminished by the years,

PENDLETON

The healing power of music

Heavenly Harp ministry teaches spiritual health

East Oregonian

A wellness ministry including music and stories about Karin Gunderson's work as a hospice harpist is coming to Pendleton.

The Phoenix, Arizona, woman and her family participate in the ministry, which includes concerts featuring harp, piano, vocal and flute music. An alumnus of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, Gunderson is an accomplished vocalist, harpist and flutist. In addition, she served as a hospice harpist for more than 10 years, where she was fondly referred to as the "singing harpist."

The public is invited to Encounter with Heaven Friday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 210 N.W. Ninth St., Pendleton. While there is no admission charge, people are invited to give through a freewill offering.

Gunderson's ministry, Karing Journey, has created natural wellness and body/mind/spirit health CDs and DVDs on the topics of depression, stress, vibrant health and overcoming cancer. She specializes in integrative therapies that bring



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Encounter with Heaven, a wellness ministry featuring music and stories by Karin Gunderson and her family, including her son, Ryan Gunderson, will be presented Aug. 3 at Peace Lutheran Church in Pendleton.

greater levels of wholeness and wellness to the body, mind and spirit. In addition, she authored "Encounters with Heaven: Stories of God's Surprising Presence."

Her son, Ryan Gunderson, began playing piano by ear when he was seven years old. Picking out melodies he heard in movies, he created his own arrangements. While studying music at Northern Arizona University, he had

several of his vocal arrangements performed in the International A Cappella Collegiate Competition while singing with the university's all-male vocal ensemble.

In the fall of 2017, Ryan Gunderson was accepted into the music program at the University of Southern California.

Anyone needing a break or seeking a relaxing evening is encouraged to attend

the Heavenly Harp concert. Albums, DVDs and Gunderson's book will be available for purchase.

Coffee and cookies will be served after the concert. Also, people will have an opportunity to visit with the musicians.

For more information about the concert, call 541-276-7592. For more about the ministry, visit www.christianharpmusic.com.

Baptist church bounces into Bible school

BOARDMAN — The kickoff event for vacation Bible school at the Boardman First Baptist Church will feature a bounce house, games, hot dogs and beverages.

The event is Monday, July 30 at 3 p.m. at the church, 200 Willow Fork Drive, Boardman. Kids are invited the rest of the week for the regular Bible school sessions Tuesday, July 31 through Friday, Aug. 3 from 6-8 p.m.

For more information, call 541-481-9437.

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Trump threatens sanctions against Turkey over detained pastor

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump declared on Thursday the United States will impose sanctions on Turkey, a crucial NATO ally, in retaliation for the detention of an American pastor on terror and espionage charges.

Turkey's response was both harsh and dismissive, calling his words "unacceptable" and a "cheap threat."

Trump's promise of punishing action marks the latest deterioration in relations between Turkey and the U.S. as President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's powers expand two years after a failed coup against his government.

Trump also has praised his counterpart, saying Erdogan's leadership is "getting very high marks."

The U.S. has long depended on a key air base in Turkey's south, most recently to launch airstrikes

against the Islamic State group.

Pastor Andrew Craig Brunson was first detained by Turkish authorities in the aftermath of the failed 2016 coup. On Wednesday he was let out of jail after 1 1/2 years, transferred to house arrest because of "health problems," according to Turkey's official Anadolu news agency.

But Trump said that was not sufficient.

"He is suffering greatly. This innocent man of faith should be released immediately!" Trump wrote on Twitter.

The announcement of sanctions — though no details of how or when — came as the State Department was holding a three-day

event promoting religious freedom. Brunson's case has become a cause for conservative Christians who form an important part of Trump's political base.

Turkey responded that Brunson's detention falls within the jurisdiction of its independent judiciary. "Rule of law is for everyone; no exception," said Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu, also via Twitter.

And an Erdogan spokesman warned the U.S. to "reconsider its approach and adopt a constructive position before inflicting further damage to its own interests and its alliance with Turkey."

U.S. Vice President Mike Pence announced the threat

of action at the religious freedom conference, then Trump tweeted that his government "will impose large sanctions on Turkey for their long time detention of Pastor Andrew Brunson."

Trump could impose certain sanctions unilaterally or try to act through Congress. Senators have previously taken steps toward blocking the sale of F-35 jets to Turkey, citing Brunson's detention as an instance of Erdogan's disregard for the rule of law.

Brunson, 50, an evangelical Christian pastor originally from North Carolina, could face up to 35 years in prison if convicted of espionage and "committing crimes on behalf of terror groups without being a member," references to outlawed Kurdish militants and the network of a U.S.-based Muslim cleric blamed for

the failed coup attempt. Brunson denies the charges.

"Brunson is an innocent man, there is no credible evidence against him," Pence said in his remarks Thursday.



Brunson

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