

# 30 Days of Prayer

## Day 12

### from 1 Kings 6

**6**In... the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel... he began to build the house of the LORD. <sup>2</sup>The house that King Solomon built for the LORD was sixty cubits long, twenty cubits wide, and thirty cubits high...

**7** The house was built with stone finished at the quarry, so that neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron was heard in the temple while it was being built... <sup>9</sup>So he built the house, and finished it; he roofed the house with beams and planks of cedar...

**11** Now the word of the LORD came to Solomon, <sup>12</sup>'Concerning this house that you are building, if you will walk in my statutes, obey my ordinances, and keep all my commandments by walking in them, then I will establish my promise with you, which I made to your father David. <sup>13</sup>I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.'

**14** So Solomon built the house, and finished it. <sup>15</sup>He lined the walls of the house on the inside with boards of cedar [and] cypress... <sup>21</sup>Solomon overlaid the inside of the house with pure gold...

<sup>38</sup>He was seven years in building it.

God who meets us in a holy space, and dwells with us everywhere we go,

Our community of faith is blessed to have a beautiful space in which to worship you. Sometimes it's easy to take for granted the hard work it takes to maintain the facilities, clean the building, fix what's broken, build, design, decorate, and care for the building. Bless your servants who work in our holy space, so that we have the opportunity to enter your sanctuary and recognize you. *(take all the time you need to name the members of the administration and facilities team and thank God for the blessing that each of them has been in your life).*

Solomon used the finest materials to build a temple for worshipping God. He had the stone finished at the quarry so that the noise of the construction didn't affect the holiness of the place. He took his time and built it in honor of the Lord.

Shepherd of the Hills also has laborers who maintain the facilities so that we can worship in a holy space. Today we offer thanks and praise for these servants, recognizing that when we have a place in which to worship, "[God] will dwell among [his people]."

**Brittni Hanson**, *Council liaison*, for her sharp mind and commitment to this congregation...

**Mark Adolphson**, *team member*, for his passion and dedication...

**Virgil Aarness**, *team member*, for his wisdom and knowledge...

**Ed Edmundson**, *facilities improvement team*, for his faithfulness and handiwork...

**Bill Penk**, *architecture and furnishings team*, for his devotion and generosity...

**Al Boucher**, *ongoing maintenance team*, for his consistency and handiness...

**Carolyn Nordin**, *interior environment team*, for her vision and creativity...

**David Surdez**, *organ team*, for his dedication to providing uplifting music...

**Mimi Drangeid**, *garden team*, for her creativity and love of creation...

**Helga Egertson**, *garden team*, for her willingness to share her love of gardening with us all...

Thank you for placing in each of these generous workers a love of serving, and their unique gifts and knowledge that make our facilities one-of-a-kind. In the name of Christ,

Amen.