



**A Prayer for Pi Day (March 14)**  
(Also on the death of Stephen Hawking)

God of mystery and revelation, we rejoice that you reveal yourself through the “Book of Nature.”

The creation from the smallest microbe to the largest star, from the tiniest particle to the immensity of space, bears witness to your glory.

God of Galileo and Schrodinger, we rejoice in the desire you give to scientists to explore and explain the universe. We thank you for their patient research and commitment to understanding, gifts from you. We thank you for their findings which fill us with wonder and amazement.

God of Mendel and Faraday, human beings for millennia have sought to understand the universe, revealing bit by bit its mysteries. We thank you that the universe is so elegant and complex that mathematicians and physicists, chemists and biologists, have not come to the end of their discoveries.

God of Newton and Maxwell, we thank you for people of faith who have engaged in science, dispelling the idea that faith and science are enemies. Raise up more people of faith to engage in the sciences. May we be people who encourage young people to study science.

We thank you for the creative mind you gave Stephen Hawking and for the ways he opened our eyes to the magnificence of the universe. Give comfort to his family and friends.

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, the Word through which all things came into being. Amen.

—*The Rev. Peter Bush, moderator of the 2017 General Assembly*