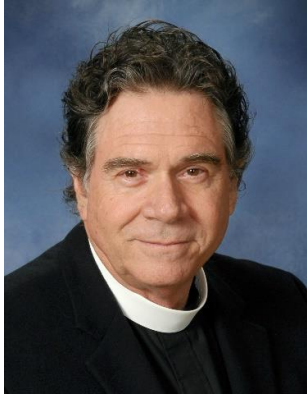


## Servant Team – “Forgiveness in the Silence”



**Fr. Rob Goodridge, St. Gabriel’s Episcopal, Titusville**

**“Silence is laziness.” I believed it. Being productive requires action. More interaction, more effectiveness.**

**I managed God the same way. Prayer was telling God what to do and how to do it. God was silent. After half my life slipped away, I finally got it. God listened to me for decades, but I never took the time to listen to God. I acted like a child, ranting at a parent. “Are you finished?” and in the following silence, I heard God. I cannot accomplish anything on my own. Scripture tells us “With God all things are possible.” For me, it began, and continues, in silence.**



**Deacon Christine Croskey, Hope Episcopal, Melbourne**

**As I practice Contemplative Prayer I often have to “work” to silence my selfish mind and open to the indwelling Holy Spirit.**

**The results always center me to His healing and peace. After the silence I often feel a calm understanding of a wound or problem.**

**I find comfort and desire to respond to His will. I encourage others to “silence with God” so they too will enter into communion with God’s incredible love, peace, and healing.**



**Glenda Wolfe, Co-facilitator, St. Gabriel’s Centering Prayer Group**

**Forgiveness in Silence helped to ease my guilt over past transgressions. When I experienced Forgiveness of Myself in Silence, it brought me to tears. I let go of a great burden, and that allowed me more energy with which to both live in and relish each moment.**



**Fr. Kenneth Nolan, St. Gabriel’s Episcopal**

**Silence is one of the most effective communication tools one can use. In our personal relationships or in our relationship with God, in the Quiet, we find solitude, forgiveness, and answers.**