

Prayer Concerns

First Responders	Glenn Knight
Victims of natural disasters	Susan Wolter
Those suffering from mental illness	Rev. Mack, lifted by Frank O'Dell
Those affected by gun violence	Connie Cornell
Those who are homeless	Bill and Vince, brothers of Reba Yafanaro
Stephen Ministers and Care Receivers	David Leonard
Our condolences to John and Char Was following the passing of John's aunt, Mary Redmond	Russ, friend of David Leonard Andy, Faye Walker's son Dusty, nephew of Reba Yafanaro
Barb Bilas	Israel, Sarah Jackson's student
Cheryl, sister of Mike Byrns	Dawn, friend of Susan Wolter
Sterling Bradley	DeNiro and family
Bev, lifted by Josh O'Shaughnessy	Jim, friend of the Ransoms
Tina, Brenda Forsberg's niece	Donna, friend of Judy Kaylor
Amanda, Jane Philpott's granddaughter	Kevin, friend of the Cloughs Zack, son of Jennifer Gaydos
Kay, Pippa, and Heather, lifted by Ron Sabin	Brian Rice
Rita Randall	Steve, Mary Ellen McMillin's son
Carl, friend of Rita Randall	Carol Brown, lifted by the Burnetts
Darlene, friend of Barb Andrews	Selene, granddaughter of Carole Andrews
Uri, grandson of Michael and Jennifer Gaydos	Christopher Yontz, USAF
Viola Crow	Matthew Fitzgerald, USAF
Donna, sister of Carol Nupp	Lt. Col. Bill Gorsuch, USMC
Adrienne, lifted by Tom Mayne	Cpl. Trevor Coast, USMC

This Week's Birthdays

March 24	Iris Stroup	March 25	Marilyn Ransom
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This Week's Anniversaries

March 27	Gabriela Martinez & Javier Gonzalez	March 28	Barb & Ed Brewster
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Join us after worship for fellowship

Order of Worship March 22, 2020 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Ministries and Missions Announcements

Prelude *Jesu, Word of God Incarnate* Mozart

Call to Worship (Ephesians 5, John 9)

When the world is dark and full of hate and fear,
when we cannot see God

we will turn on the light.

When we cannot find our way back to love and peace

we will turn on the light.

When our vision dims due to the darkness within

we will turn on the light.

Christ opens our eyes with the gift of sight.

The light of the world is Jesus Christ.

Come and worship the one who brings sight to the blind.

Hallelujah! Praise God, the light of the world!

Opening Hymn Open My Eyes, That I May See UMH 454

Unison Prayer (Ephesians 5, John 9)

Gracious God, who created us in God's own image, we are grateful
for all that you have done for us, for all that you are doing in us,
and for all that you will do through us. Open our eyes to see your

presence among us, moving in powerful ways at all times and in all places. Open our ears to hear familiar words in new ways—ways that will change us and challenge us to become the people you created us to be. Grant us the power and the courage to come out of the darkness and into the light of Jesus Christ, that we may serve you by serving others. We love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Amen.

Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns (on last page of bulletin)

Pastoral Prayer (Psalm 23)

God of light and love and peace, we praise your name for leading us in paths of righteousness, that we may come into your presence, forgiven and free. We give you thanks for guiding us to this place: where we may rest beside the still waters of your grace, where we are filled with the good gifts of your goodness and mercy. We worship you with all that we are, and we bless your name for all that we will be as we continue on our journey—a journey that leads us to your kingdom, where we will dwell with you forever. We offer ourselves, that you might bless us and send us out of the valley of the shadow of death, into every place in need of your light. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (1 Samuel 16, Ephesians 5, John 9)

Forgiving God, in a world filled with so much pain, we would rather shut our eyes and be blind than see things as they really are. Grant us the courage to face the reality of our world, and give us the strength to bring your light to those who walk in darkness. Help us see others as you see them, and forgive us when we do not trust you enough to open our eyes to the possibilities before us. Heal our self-inflicted blindness, O God, and lead us in the footsteps of the Light of the World, who reveals your glory in his life, his teachings, and his love. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Psalm 23)

Christ came to lead us in paths of righteousness and to guide us through our lives. Christ is with us in times of danger and times of peace. The goodness and mercy of God are given to us each and every day of our lives. God forgives us for our failings, upholds us in love, and leads us to the place that Christ has prepared for us. Believe in your heart that God loves you and forgives you. We believe! God help our unbelief!

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

The Offering with Prayer

(Please continue to be faithful with your financial gifts by sending your stewardship contributions to the church office to the attention of the Financial Secretary, Ed Brewster.)

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 23

Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH 381

Sermon

“The One Who Leads Us”

Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Closing Hymn

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

UMH 128

Benediction (Psalm 23, Ephesians 5)

Go into the world, carrying the light of Christ into the darkness!

We go, with hearts full and eyes open!

Receive God's love and care, and share that love and care with others!

We go, with eyes reflecting God's light and hands open to share it!

May you walk in the light of Christ all the days of your life!

We will follow Christ wherever he leads us! Amen!

Postlude

Behold the Great Redeemer

A. Schriener