

Prayer Concerns

First Responders	Brian R.
Victims of natural disasters	Susan W.
Those suffering from mental illness	Bill & Vince, lifted by Reba Y. Jim, friend of Marilyn & Bill R.
Those affected by gun violence	Connie C.
Those who are homeless	Adrienne, lifted by Tom M.
Stephen Ministers and Care Receivers	Selene, lifted by Carole A. Viola C.
Those quarantined in their rooms in assisted living facilities	Donna, sister of Carol N. Donna, friend of Judy K.
Ron, nephew of Mary Best following the passing of his father	Andy, Faye W.'s son Barb B. Sterling B.
David Leonard & family, following the passing of his uncle, Jon Leonard	Zack, son of Jennifer G. Bev, lifted by Josh O. DeNiro and family
Tina, Brenda F.'s niece	Kevin, friend of Barb & Ron C.
Amanda, lifted by Jane P.	Steve, Mary Ellen M.'s son
Kay, Pippa, & Heather	Carol B., lifted by Ray & Jane
Darlene, friend of Barb A.	Israel, Sarah J.'s student
Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.	Dawn, friend of Susan W.
Russ, friend of David L.	Matthew F., USAF
Carl, friend of Rita R.	Christopher Y., USAF
Uri, grandson of Michael & Jennifer G.	Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC Cpl. Trevor C., USMC

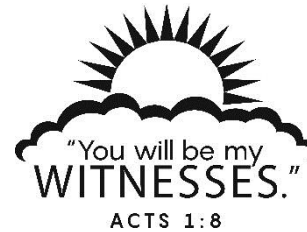
This Week's Birthdays

May 24 Josh Walsh	May 27 Louise Anderson
May 25 Mark Bailey	May 30 Shane Mincik
May 26 Benjamin Dennis	

This Week's Anniversaries

May 27 Sue Shellhouse and Dan Strichko	May 28 Tammy and Mike Moore
May 27 Natalie and Josh Walsh	May 30 Kelly and Chris Benko

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May 24, 2020 Ascension Sunday

Welcome and Passing of the Peace (Ephesians 1)

Paul writes to the Christian community at Ephesus, "I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers." Near you now are people whose courageous expressions and acts of selfless love have profoundly influenced your lives. With thankfulness, let us greet one another in the name of the risen Christ.

Ministries and Missions Announcements

Prelude

Canzona

arr. Lani Smith

Call to Worship (Psalm 47)

Marilyn Ransom

Leader: Clap your hands, all you people!

People: Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

People: Sing praises to our sovereign Lord!

Leader: God is sovereign over all the earth!

People: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Leader: Let everything that has breath sing praises.

People: Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Opening Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* UMH 139
Gabriela Martinez and Javier Gonzalez

Unison Prayer (Ephesians 1, Acts 1)

God of all glory, as we come to know your Son through the living word of scripture, enlighten our hearts with the spirit of wisdom and revelation. Remind us again of Christ's authority over the church at all times and in all places. Renew in us again our purpose as Christ's followers: to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins in the name of Jesus Christ to all people in all places. All glory and honor be to you, Christ Jesus. Amen.

New Testament Reading Acts 1:1-11

The Apostles' Creed UMH 881

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Wendy Cooper

Prayers of the People

Prayer Concerns (back of bulletin)

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession (Psalm 47, Ephesians 1)

Our Savior Jesus, even while we extol you as Divine Sovereign whose authority is above all earthly power, we have failed to give you authority over even the smallest matters of our lives. We confess our arrogant, self-centered exercise of power over matters in our lives (*pause*), in our church (*pause*), and in our world. (*pause*) We desperately cling to our own power, failing to yield to your divine authority, wisdom, guidance, and love. Forgive us, we pray, for the harm we have done to others and to ourselves. In your mercy, save us, Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Luke 24)

Jesus said to his disciples before he ascended to God, "Repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in my name to all nations." Repent then, followers of Christ, and allow Christ to transform your lives. Receive forgiveness in the name of the risen savior. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Offering with Prayer

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

Gospel Reading Luke 24:44-53

Hymn *Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire* UMH 603
Gabriela Martinez and Javier Gonzalez

Sermon "Ascending to Higher Heights" Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Closing Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns* UMH 327
Gabriela Martinez and Javier Gonzalez

Benediction (Acts 1)

Leader: People of God, receive the blessing of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Go now to live in Christian love and witness to the power of forgiveness

Leader: in your homes, in your community, even to the ends of the earth, until that day when Christ returns in glory.

People: Amen.

Postlude *Praise Ye the Triune God* Robert Hughes