Prayer Concerns

First Responders
Victims of natural disasters
Those suffering from mental illness
Those affected by gun violence
Those who are homeless
Stephen Ministers and Care Receivers
Those quarantined in their rooms in assisted living facilities
Our condolences to Terri and Hoyte W. following the passing of Terri’s mother, Ellen
Our condolences to John and Charlene V. following the passing of John’s mother, Twila
Paul and Erin, lifted by Char V.
Danielle, lifted by Alice & Andy
Sheryl, lifted by Sally S.
Scott, Barb L.’s brother-in-law
Keith A.
Gwen H.
Frank M.
Danielle, Gwen’s granddaughter
Russ, friend of David L.
Barb B.
Zack, son of Jennifer G.
DeNiro and family
Carol B., lifted by Ray & Jane

This Week’s Birthdays

August 22  Craig Mueller

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August 16, 2020  11th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Ministries and Missions Announcements

Prelude  Andante Cantabile  Alexandre Guilmant
Marlene Dirksen

Call to Worship

L: Welcome today in the presence of God’s love!
P: We are grateful for this welcome.
L: Feel the loving power of God flow into your lives.
P: We open our hearts and lives to receive God’s blessings.
L: Come, let us worship God who is always with us.
P: Lord, be with us today as we listen for your words of hope.

Unison Prayer

You have drawn us together this day from a variety of backgrounds, experiences, hopes, and dreams, Lord. Be with us as
together we experience your presence and your healing love. Open our hearts and our spirits to receive strength, encouragement, and peace. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Old Testament Reading  Psalm 67

Hymn  Great Is Thy Faithfulness  UMH 140
Favorite Hymn of Randall Sheets
Vocalist: Deb Chermonte

Prayers of the People
Prayer Concerns (back of bulletin)
Pastoral Prayer
Prayer of Confession
Lord, we always want to “capture the moment” when something special happens. We have multitudes of photographs that remind us of special times, but they cannot truly capture the feeling in our hearts. We hunger and thirst for your loving touch and your presence. We sometimes think that we should be the only ones who receive these blessings, and we turn our backs on those in need, either by refusing to help or by pretending that the needs do not exist. But you have heard the cries of all who are in need, and you turn to each one with your healing love. Forgive our selfishness and stubbornness. Heal us and turn us again toward pathways of compassion for all your people. For we offer this prayer in Christ’s Name. Amen.

Words of Assurance
You have reached out for the Lord, seeking God’s healing power. It is given to you through God’s awesome love. Receive the love of God. Reach out to others with that same compassion.

The Lord’s Prayer
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Penny Sunday Offering
Today’s offering benefits the Midwest Mission Distribution Center.

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  Matthew 15:10-28

Special Music  This Is My Song  Jean Sibelius
Flute: Nancy Driftmyer; Piano: Javier Gonzalez

Sermon  “A Close Look at the Heart”  Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Hymn  Because He Lives  UMH 364
Favorite Hymn of Barb Andrews and Ray Schurr
Vocalist: Deb Chermonte

Responsive Benediction
L: Jesus’ love and compassion has been poured out for you today.
P: Go into the world in confidence, bearing forgiveness and love for all God’s people.
L: Go in peace. Amen.

Postlude  Prelude and Fugue in F Major  Bach
Marlene Dirksen