

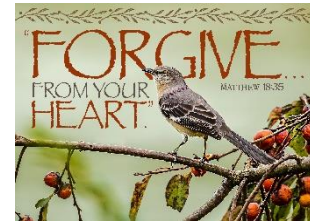
Prayer Concerns

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.
Our condolences to Jane P. following the passing of her granddaughter-in-law, Amanda Donald R.	Donna, sister of Carol N. Donna, friend of Judy K. Andy, Faye W.'s son Israel, Sarah J.'s student Bev, lifted by Josh O.
Mary Lou L.	Carl, friend of Rita R.
Danielle, lifted by Alice & Andy Sheryl, lifted by Sally S.	Steve, Mary Ellen M.'s son
Scott, Barb L.'s brother-in-law Keith A.	Kevin, friend of Barb & Ron C. Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.
Gwen H.	Darlene, friend of Barb A.
Frank M.	Sterling B.
Danielle, Gwen's granddaughter Russ, friend of David L.	Dawn, friend of Susan W.
Barb B.	Cpl. Trevor C., USMC Matthew F. USAF
Zack, son of Jennifer G.	Lt. Col Bill G., USMC
DeNiro and family	Christopher Y., USAF
Carol B., lifted by Ray & Jane	

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

September 17 Chris Byrns	September 19 Gloria Casagrande
September 18 David Jarvis	
September 16 Barb & Dave Linton	
September 19 Charlene & John Vas: Happy 50 th Anniversary!	

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<https://youtu.be/potLaQSxBlg>

September 13, 2020 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

L: Now is the time to share Christ's love and forgiveness with one another. Let the Christ in you greet the Christ in another with signs of peace and reconciliation.

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Ministries and Missions Announcements

Prelude

Prayer from "Otello"

Gesepi Verdi

Marlene Dirksen

Call to Worship (Exodus 15)

Greg Lavelle

L: O Lord, majestic in holiness, who is like you?

**P: In the greatness of your majesty
you overthrew your adversaries.**

L: O Lord, awesome in splendor, who is like you?

**P: Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,
shattered the enemy.**

L: O Lord, worker of wonders, who is like you?

P: Sing to the Lord, my strength and my might,

you are my salvation!

Unison Prayer (Romans 12)

In this moment, gracious God, you have called us away from the world to a place and a time where we can commune with you and with one another. Hallow this communion, we pray. Calm our anxious spirits, that we may be set apart to hear your word of truth through which we receive grace to bring about the obedience of faith. Open us to the reality of your all-embracing love, both in this place and in the wider world. May we, by our words and actions, be bearers of your kingdom, in the name and Spirit of the Christ. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 103:1-13

Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* UMH 127
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Prayers of the People

Prayer Concerns (back of bulletin)

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession (Matthew 18, Romans 12)

Lord, your grace and mercy are ever-present in our lives, your forgiveness is boundless in mercy when we fail to live in Christlike ways. And yet, we are quick to carry a grudge—quick to find fault, quick to assign blame, quick to harden our hearts toward others. Set us apart, loving God, to extend and model the grace you have shown us by offering grace to others. We pray in the name of the One who died so that we might fully live. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Matthew 18, Exodus 15)

L: As Christ has forgiven us, we are to forgive others.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Praise to God who has triumphed gloriously. Amen.

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.

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 18:21-35

Hymn *Freely, Freely* UMH 389
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Sermon "The Freeing Power of Forgiveness" Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Hymn *Are Ye Able* UMH 530
Favorite Hymn of Beverly Hixon
Vocalist: Deb Chermonte; Organist: Marlene Dirksen

Responsive Benediction (Exodus 14)

L: Go with the God who can part the troubled waters of your life and lead you through to dry ground.

P: Go with the God who can scatter and subdue all that hinders you on your journey.

L: Go forth in God's might and in God's peace.

P: Amen.

Postlude *Justified by Faith* Ed Broughton
Marlene Dirksen