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
Jeff, friend of Judy K.
Kifah, friend of David L.
Jean S.
Jeff & Sharon B., lifted by Janis J.
Bob, Carole B.’s son
Josh O.
Donald R.
Mary Lou L.
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.

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This Week’s Birthdays and Anniversaries

October 18  Elizabeth Goodman       October 24  Ryan Bloomfield
October 19  Pastor Hoyte Wilhelm
October 18  Jennifer & Michael Gaydos
October 22  Joanne & Douglas Bloomfield

Welcome and Passing of the Peace (1 Thessalonians 1)
Brothers and sisters, Christ is present in the eyes of a stranger. As beloved children of God, Christ is recognized as we love one another. Turn to one another, seeing and loving Christ as we share the peace of Christ.

Ministries and Missions Announcements

Prelude  Lord Jesus, You Have Prepared  James Mansfield
         Marlene Dirksen

Call to Worship (Exodus 33, Psalm 99)  Barb Clough
L: As we gather to worship you, Holy One,
P: show us your presence, O God.
L: As we join to pray at your footstool, Exalted One,
P: show us your ways, O God.
L: As we unite our voices to praise you, Lover of Justice,
P: show us your glory, O God.
L: As we tremble in the cleft of the rock, silently awaiting you,
   Merciful One,
P: show us your goodness, O God.
Let the earth shake in your praise, Most High!
We extol your great and awesome name, ever-present God!

Old Testament Reading  
Psalm 96:1-13

Unison Prayer (Exodus 33, 1 Thessalonians 1, Matthew 22)
Living God, move among us and awaken us to your loving presence. When we lose our way and put our confidence in our possessions and our wisdom, call us back to you. Remind us that our very identity is dependent on your abiding mercy. Show us how to walk with steadfast faithfulness, following the path of justice and goodness in our daily lives. May our days be filled with joy and hope as we share the good news of abundant life that comes from following Jesus Christ. In the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Hymn  
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken  
UMH 731
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Prayers of the People
Prayer Concerns (see bulletin)
Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession (Exodus 33, Matthew 22)
God of mercy, we place our trust in tangible things—things we can see and touch—and question whether you are really there. Forgive us, Holy One, when we fail to recognize that you are always nearby, patiently waiting for us to recognize your presence and your glory. Help us when we lose our way, and forgive us when we forget to whom we truly belong. Lover of justice, open our eyes to see you; open our ears to hear you; open our hearts to love you; and open our hands to serve you.

Words of Assurance (Exodus 33:14, Psalm 99)
When we cry to God, looking for favor in God’s sight, God answers: “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” In the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus, we are forgiven! We will rest in God’s mercy!

Lord’s Prayer

Penny Sunday
Today’s offering will go to benefit this year’s Youth Mission Project, helping to fund a dorm for female students at Africa University.

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.

New Testament Reading  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Hymn  
Rejoice, the Lord Is King  
UMH 715
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Sermon  
“Living Examples”  
Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Hymn  
Lord of the Dance  
UMH 261
(vv. 1-2, 4-5)
Favorite Hymn of Wendy Cooper
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Responsive Benediction (1 Thessalonians 1)
L: Go from this place with the confidence that you are God’s beloved children.
P: We go, to labor in love with all we meet.
L: Go out into the world with steadfast hope and joyous trust.
P: We go, remembering our faithful God who goes before us.
L: In God’s love, the Spirit’s power, and the peace of Christ, go now in peace.

Postlude  
Creation’s Praise  
Dennis Eliot
Marlene Dirksen