

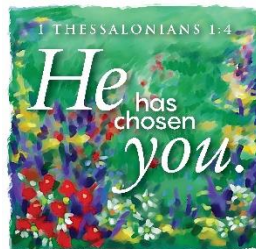
Prayer Concerns

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| 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. |
| Jeff, friend of Judy K. | Donna, sister of Carol N. |
| Kifah, friend of David L. | Donna, friend of Judy K. |
| Jean S. | Andy, Faye W.'s son |
| Jeff & Sharon B., lifted by Janis J. | Israel, Sarah J.'s student |
| Bob, Carole B.'s son | Bev, lifted by Josh O. |
| Josh O. | De Niro and family |
| Donald R. | Steve, Mary Ellen M.'s son |
| Mary Lou L. | Kevin, friend of Barb & Ron C. |
| Danielle, lifted by Alice & Andy | Dusty, nephew of Reba Y. |
| Sheryl, lifted by Sally S. | Darlene, friend of Barb A. |
| Scott, Barb L.'s brother-in-law | Sterling B. |
| Keith A. | Dawn, friend of Susan W. |
| Gwen H. | Carol B., lifted by Ray & Jane |
| Frank M. | Matthew F., USAF |
| Danielle, Gwen's granddaughter | Lt. Col Bill G., USMC |
| Russ, friend of David L. | Christopher Y., USAF |
| Barb B. | Cpl. Trevor C., USMC |
| Zack, son of Jennifer G. | |

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

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October 18, 2020 20th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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| Prelude | <i>Lord Jesus, You Have Prepared</i> | 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.

L: Let the earth shake in your praise, Most High!

P: **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!

The 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