

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.
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

October 26	Rita Wallace	October 29	Alyssa Dennis
October 28	Don Rasgaitis	October 31	Anthony Brunson
October 28	Ellie Yager		
October 31	Rachael & Tom Berry		

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<https://youtu.be/2padrv7Y2zM>

October 25, 2020 21st Sunday after Pentecost/Reformation Sunday

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Ministries and Missions Announcements

Prelude *My Jesus I Love Thee* arr. Tom Birchwood
Marlene Dirksen

Call to Worship (Psalm 90) Anita Bridges

L: God, we know you are with us.

P: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

L: You have showered your love upon all generations, since the beginning of time.

P: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

L: Guide us now through this time of worship and into the week ahead.

P: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Unison Prayer

God, you are God forever. This alone is cause for celebration, but we also know that we are your people! As we feel your love

washing over us now, may we love you with every part of our being: heart, mind, body, and soul. We celebrate your love in our lives, and we ask for your help as we try our best to boldly share the good news of your love with others. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who models the way for us. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Hymn *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* UMH 117
(vv. 1-5)

Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Prayers of the People

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Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Merciful and gracious God, we gather here this day, coming together seeking your healing wisdom. Our lives are filled with anxiety and fear. We turn our backs on people in need and close ourselves away from opportunities to serve. Confusion and anger abound in our nation and in our hearts. Forgive us when we have chosen the pathways of greed and fear instead of the high way of peace and hope. Calm our spirits and teach us again to turn to you in love, loving our neighbors as we would want to be loved, as you have loved us. It is in Jesus' name that we offer this prayer. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God's love has been poured over us to heal and nourish our thirsting spirits. We have been forgiven. Now we are challenged to go forth in peace and hope to a hurting world. Thanks be to God for all God's mercies shown continually to each one of us.

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 22:34-46

Hymn *Lord, Speak to Me* UMH 463
(vv. 1, 3-5)

Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Sermon "Centered to Live and Serve" Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Hymn *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* UMH 66
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Responsive Benediction

L: Go to celebrate the God who is our home forever.

P: **God's love goes with us!**

L: Go to follow Christ's example in loving God, self, and neighbor.

P: **God's love goes with us!**

L: Go with the Holy Spirit to change the world with love.

P: **God's love goes with us!**

Postlude *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Johann Pachelbel
Marlene Dirksen