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.

This Week’s Birthdays and Anniversaries

October 26  
Rita Wallace

October 28  
Don Rasgaitis
Ellie Yager

October 31  
Rachael & Tom Berry

October 29  
Alyssa Dennis

October 31  
Anthony Brunson

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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
Prayer Concerns (back of bulletin)

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