

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

### *This Week's Birthdays*

October 4	Claire Taller	October 9	Nancy Driftmyer
October 5	Josh O'Shaughnessy		

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**October 4, 2020** World Communion Sunday

### ***Welcome and Passing of the Peace***

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### ***Ministries and Missions Announcements***

#### ***Prelude***

*We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit*

Buxtehude

Marlene Dirksen

#### ***Call to Worship***

Michelle Wolter

**L:** Our Creator spoke to Moses on the mountain. The Holy One speaks to us today, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt."

**P:** **Glorious God, even the firmament proclaims your handiwork.**

**L:** The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul.

**P:** **The decrees of God are sure, making the naive wise.**

**L:** The precepts of God are right, rejoicing the heart.

**P:** **The commandment of God is clear, enlightening the eyes.**

**All: Speak to us, and we will listen.**

**Old Testament Reading**      Psalm 19

**Unison Prayer**

Glorious, liberating God, thank you for bringing us together on this Sabbath day to worship you. Nourish us with your word. Guide us into holy living with your love. Fill this space with your grace that is sweeter than honey and revive our souls with your laws that are more desired than gold. As we celebrate World Communion Sunday, we rejoice in the ways that your church is connected through your son, Jesus Christ. Bless our special offering today so that the gifts we present will be multiplied and shared with faithful students around the world. As we praise you today, let the words of our mouth and the meditation of our heart be acceptable to you. Amen.

**Hymn**                      *Spirit of God* (vv. 1-3, 5)                      TFWS 2117  
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

**Prayers of the People**

*Prayer Concerns* (back of bulletin)

*Pastoral Prayer*

*Prayer of Confession* (Philippians 3)

No matter how righteous we imagine ourselves to be, Lord, your perfect word reveals our imperfections all too clearly. No matter how hard we strive to fulfill the requirements of your law, we always fall short. We have forgotten that righteousness and perfection come not from rules and regulations but from faith. We have ignored the truth that your righteousness comes from faith. Open our eyes to see that all we have accomplished is nothing compared to knowing Christ as our Lord. Let us count everything as loss, that we might gain heaven and be found blameless in Christ. In the name of the Savior we pray. Amen.

*Words of Assurance* (Philippians 3)

Take heart; have faith. The goal is in sight. Press on to take hold of

it, as Christ has taken hold of us. Have no fear; leave the past behind. Reach out for what lies ahead, for the prize, for the life to be found in Christ Jesus.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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**      Philippians 3:4b-14

**Sermon**                      "Pressing on Through Our Faith" Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

**Hymn**                      *All Who Hunger*                      TFWS 2126  
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Hymn**                      *The Church's One Foundation* (vv. 1-2, 4-5)      UMH 546  
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

**Responsive Benediction**

L: As you go from here, remember the Lord your God has liberated you.

P: **Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in holy living.**

L: Strengthened and nourished in your identity as a follower of Christ,

P: **allow his love to extend to everyone you meet.**

**Postlude**                      *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven*      arr. Lani Smith  
Marlene Dirksen