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 & 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.
De Niro and family
Brian R.
Susan W.
Bill & Vince, lifted by Reba Y.
Jim, friend of Marilyn & Bill R.
Connie C.
Adrienne, lifted by Tom M.
Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Viola C.
Donna, sister of Carol N.
Donna, friend of Judy K.
Andy, Faye W.’s son
Israel, Sarah J.’s student
Bev, lifted by Josh O.
Carl, friend of Rita R.
Steve, Mary Ellen M.’s son
Kevin, friend of Barb & Ron C.
Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.
Darlene, friend of Barb A.
Sterling B.
Dawn, friend of Susan W.
Carol B., lifted by Ray & Jane Matthew F., USAF
Lt. Col Bill G., USMC
Christopher Y., USAF
Cpl. Trevor C., USMC

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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.

This Week’s Birthdays

October 4  Claire Taller
October 5  Josh O’Shaughnessy
October 9  Nancy Driftmyer
**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.

**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

**Prayers of the People**

**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.

**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