

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.
Mary, Sue S.'s mother	Donna, sister of Carol N.
Kifah, friend of David L.	Donna, friend of Judy K.
Jeff, friend of Judy K.	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.	Zack, son of Jennifer G.
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.	Christopher Y., USAF
Frank M.	Matthew F., USAF
Danielle, Gwen's granddaughter	Lt. Col Bill G., USMC
Carol B., lifted by Ray & Jane	

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

November 24	Ron Wagner	November 28	Carol & John Weinert
November 25	Judie & Mike Flynn		

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November 22, 2020 Christ the King and Thanksgiving Sunday

Welcome and Passing of the Peace (Matthew 25)

L: When we were strangers, Christ welcomed us. Let us share the peace of Christ with friends and strangers with words of welcome: "The peace of Christ be with you."

P: **And also with you.**

Ministries and Missions Announcements

Prelude *We Gather Together* arr. John Ferguson
Marlene Dirksen

Call to Worship (Psalm 100) Chris Byrns

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

P: **Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

L: Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

P: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

L: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and

his faithfulness to all generations.

New Testament Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

Unison Prayer (Ezekiel 34, Ephesians 1, Matthew 25)

Tender, comforting Shepherd, your steadfast love is present in this place and resides within each of us. But sometimes it is hard, so very hard, to open ourselves to your love. We feel like scattered sheep, frightened and alone. Help us know your loving presence as we live as your gathered community.

Enlighten our hearts, that we may know the hope to which we have been called. Amen.

Hymn *O Worship the King* UMH 73
(vv. 1-2, 4-5)
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Prayers of the People

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Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession (Ezekiel 34, Matthew 25)

Holy One, we are like sheep that stray from your fold. We are the perpetually hungry, ever in spiritual need, and at times in physical want. We are the naked, with wounds exposed and bleeding. We are the sick, fevered, chilled, and in pain. We are the strangers, separated from others and even from ourselves. Hear us now as we confess our brokenness and our need. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Matthew 25)

Our creator God sees our hunger and gives us food. Christ, the healer, touches our wounds, offering comfort and blessed relief. The Spirit blows through us, cools our fever, and eases our pain. God sees and touches and heals our wounds.

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.

Hymn *When the Poor Ones* UMH 434
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon "Experiencing the Presence of Christ" Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Hymn *Now Thank We All Our God* UMH 102
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Responsive Benediction

L: Hear the cries of those in need! Go into God's world, enabled by Christ to be in ministries of compassion for all God's people.

P: **Love this world as God has loved you.**

L: Care tenderly always for all of creation.

P: **Go and faithfully serve with thankfulness in the name of Jesus! Amen.**

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Marlene Dirksen