

Prayer Concerns

First Responders	Brian R.
Victims of natural disasters	Frank M.
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	Danielle, lifted by Alice & Andy
Stephen Ministers and Care Receivers	Selene, lifted by Carole A. Keith A.
Ron W.	Donna, sister of Carol N.
Josh O.	Donna, friend of Judy K.
Dallas, Terri W.'s father	Andy, Faye W.'s son
Bobbi, Terri W.'s sister	Israel, Sarah J.'s student
Barbara B.	Bev, lifted by Josh O.
Viola C.	Zack, son of Jennifer G.
Susan W.	Steve, Mary Ellen M.'s son
Carolyn and Alex B.	Kevin, friend of Barb & Ron C.
Danielle, Gwen's granddaughter	Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.
Mary, Sue S.'s mother	Darlene, friend of Barb A.
Kifah, friend of David L.	Sterling B.
Jeff, friend of Judy K.	Dawn, friend of Susan W.
Jeff & Sharon B., lifted by Janis J.	Carol B., lifted by Ray & Jane
Bob, Carole B.'s son	Matthew F., USAF
Donald R.	Lt. Col Bill G., USMC
Mary Lou L.	Christopher Y., USAF
Gwen H.	
Sheryl, lifted by Sally S.	

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

January 28	Janis Jarvis
January 25	Carol & Bob Nupp
January 26	Judy & John Solt
January 30	Gwen & Dave Hinkley

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Worship with us online:

<https://youtu.be/oGGiS6H8jCw>

January 24, 2021 Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome and Passing of the Peace (Mark 1)

L: Jesus calls us to repent and draw near to him, to share the realm of God and the peace that passes all understanding. May the peace of Christ be with you always.

P: **May the peace of Christ be with you always.**

Ministries and Missions Announcements

Prelude

Meditation on "Mendon"

David Paxton

Marlene Dirksen

Call to Worship (Psalm 62)

John Wolter

L: The God of all creation calls us.

P: **We come, knowing that our deliverance and honor rest in God.**

L: Power and steadfast love belong to God.

P: **We come to sing and pray, celebrating the presence of this mighty, loving God.**

Unison Prayer (Jonah 3, 1 Corinthians 7)

Holy One, God of all Creation, you call us to be your people, to carry your vision in this time and place, to go where you send us to help welcome your amazing good news. As we gather in the presence of the risen Christ to spread the news that your realm is near, fill us with your Holy Spirit, O God of all Creation. Fill us with your glorious Spirit, that we may share your good news with a world in need. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 62:5-12

Hymn *O Jesus, I Have Promised* UMH 396
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Prayers of the People

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Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession (Jonah 3)

Holy Fountain of Forgiveness, the tale of Jonah reminds us of your never-ending love for all creation. May we be like the people of Nineveh, who were able to acknowledge their sin and open their eyes to your healing presence. Though you stand ready to forgive our sin, we find it easier to bite our tongues, clench our fists, and cling to our hurts and resentments rather than let you open our hearts. We trust you, Holy One; we pour out our hearts to you. Receive the pain that lurks in our humanity, as we offer up what we have hidden from ourselves and from the world—those words and deeds that keep us separated from your love.

Words of Assurance (Psalm 62)

L: When we repent, our God relents, lifting us beyond the pain, restoring us to safety, protecting us in the refuge of eternal love. In the name of Jesus, who is the Christ, you are forgiven.

P: **In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.**

L: Glory to God.

P: **Amen.**

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 Mark 1:14-20

Hymn *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* UMH 358
(vv. 1, 2, 4)
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Sermon "Fishing for People" Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

Hymn *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* UMH 344
(vv. 1, 3, 4)
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Benediction (Jonah 3, Psalm 62)

L: As we go out to meet a changing world, remember this: God alone is our rock and our salvation; the risen Christ is calling each of us to share the good news of the realm of God.

P: **The realm of God is near, and we are on the way. Amen.**

Postlude *Fugue* Johann Pachelbel
Marlene Dirksen