**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  
Andy, grandson of Barb S.  
Tom M. & Family  
Danielle, lifted by Alice & Andy  
Ron W.  
Josh O. & Guylene H.  
Dallas, Terri W.’s father  
Bobbi, Terri W.’s sister  
Barbara B.  
Viola C.  
Susan W.  
Carolyn and Alex B.  
Danielle, Gwen’s granddaughter  
Mary, Sue S.’ mother  
Gwen H.  
Donald R.  
Mary Lou L.  
Bob, Carole B.’s son  
Brian R.  
Frank M.  
Bill & Vince, lifted by Reba Y.  
Jim, friend of Marilyn & Bill R.  
Connie C.  
Sheryl, lifted by Sally S.  
Selene, lifted by Carole A.  
Keith A.  
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.  
Steve, Mary Ellen M.’s son  
Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.  
Darlene, friend of Barb A.  
Sterling B.  
Dawn, friend of Susan W.  
Jeff, friend of Judy K.  
Kifah, friend of David L.  
Matthew F., USAF  
Lt. Col Bill G., USMC  
Christopher Y., USAF

**This Week’s Birthdays**

- **February 21**: Terri Wilhelm  
- **February 23**: Sydney Scothon  
- **February 25**: Carolyn Bernard

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**February 21, 2021**  First Sunday in Lent

**Welcome and Passing of the Peace**

L:  Remember that the presence of God and Jesus Christ is always with you.  
P:  And also with you.

**Ministries and Missions Announcements**

**Prelude**  
*Deep River*  
arr. Steven Scott  
Marlene Dirksen

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 25)  
arr. Joel Chermonte

L:  We trust in you, O God, for you are faithful.  
P:  Show us your ways and teach us your paths.  
L:  We wait for you.  
P:  Lead us in your paths of truth.  
L:  Do not remember our failures.  
P:  Out of your merciful grace, forgive us.
L: You are faithful, O God. Your love is steadfast.
P: We lift up our souls to you and praise you always.

**Old Testament Reading**  
Genesis 9:8-17

**Unison Prayer** (Genesis 9, Psalm 25, Mark 1)  
Faithful God, you called all creatures into being, and you care for each one. Send your grace upon your people gathered here, that we may follow your ways of truth, and walk in the paths of steadfast love, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Hymn**  
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days  
UMH 269 (vv. 1, 3-5)  
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

**Prayers of the People**

**Prayer Concerns** (back of bulletin)

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession** (Genesis 9, Psalm 25)  
God of the rainbow, you made a covenant with all creatures, promising life and hope. God of pathways, you show us how we should walk. Yet we forget our connection with one another and think that we are the center of the universe. We wander from your paths of truth into paths of deceit and pride. Forgive us and lead us back into the arms of your love. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**  
God is merciful and full of steadfast love. God will not forget us. God will wash us clean and lead us on paths of steadfast love and faithfulness.

**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.

**Penny Sunday**  
Today’s offering will benefit West Side Community House.

**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 1:9-15

**Hymn**  
When Jesus Came to Jordan  
UMH 252  
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

**Sermon**  
“Unwavering Support”  
Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

**Hymn**  
Jesus, Tempted in the Desert  
TFWS 2105  
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

**Responsive Benediction** (Genesis 9, Psalm 25, Mark 1)  
L: Go and testify to God’s faithful promises.
P: God’s covenant is everlasting.
L: Go and follow God’s ways.
P: The ways of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.
L: Go and proclaim God’s good news.
P: The time is now. Turn to God. Amen.

**Postlude**  
Baroque Trumpet  
Gordon Young  
Marlene Dirksen