Prayer Concerns

First Responders Brian R. Victims of natural disasters Frank M. Bill & Vince, lifted by Reba Y. Those suffering from mental Jim, friend of Marilyn & Bill R. illness Those affected by gun violence Connie C. Those who are homeless Sheryl, lifted by Sally S. Selene, lifted by Carole A. Stephen Ministers and Care Receivers Keith A. Our condolences to the family Donna, sister of Carol N. of Ron S., Jr. following his Donna, friend of Judy K. passing, friends of Barb & Ed B. Andy, Faye W.'s son Carole B. Israel. Sarah J.'s student Andy, grandson of Barb S. Bev, lifted by Josh O. Tom M. & Family Zack, son of Jennifer G. Danielle, lifted by Alice & Andy Steve, Mary Ellen M.'s son Ron W. Dusty, nephew of Reba Y. Josh O. & Guvlene H. Darlene, friend of Barb A. Barbara B. Dallas, Terri W.'s father Viola C. Bobbi, Terri W.'s sister Susan W. Carolyn and Alex B. Dawn, friend of Susan W. Danielle, Gwen's granddaughter Jeff, friend of Judy K. Mary, Sue S.'s mother Kifah, friend of David L. Gwen H. Matthew F., USAF Donald R. Lt. Col Bill G., USMC Mary Lou L. Christopher Y., USAF Sterling B.

This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 28	Philip Wolter	March 2	Gwen Hinckley
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March 1	Judy Kaylor	March 5	Kirsten Ressel
March 1	Sally Coast	March 5	Sharon Werner
March 1	Javier Gonzalez		
February 29	Lisa & Ron Stroup		

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February 28, 2021 Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

- L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
- P: And also with you.

Ministries and Missions Announcements

PreludeAndante Religioso
R. G. Hailing
Marlene Dirksen

Call to Worship Janis Jarvis

- L: Today we step up a little higher on our Lenten Journey.
- P: We are moving from contemplation to action.
- L: Are you ready to take the next step?
- P: Yes, we are ready. The cross is before us.
- L: Come, walk together on this journey to the Cross.
- P: Lord, prepare our hearts and our spirits for this next step. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 22:23-31

Unison Prayer

You stop us in our tracks, O Lord, with your reminder that discipleship is not a "sometime" thing. We are called to place our whole lives in your care; to follow you; to serve you by caring for others, not just once in a while, but always. We admit that we're not always ready to do this. The demand is great; the need is great; our energies are limited. Help us to place our trust and our lives in your care. You will give us the strength and courage that we will need for this step on the journey. Be with us. Help us to remember that your love is poured out for all your people; you are never far away. It is in Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn O Word of God Incarnate UMH 598 Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Prayers of the People

Prayer Concerns (back of bulletin)

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Guiding Lord, even though we hesitated on our Lenten journey; we vowed to come with you through all the trials and fears toward the Cross. Today we face the challenge which true commitment brings. Are we willing to offer our whole selves to you in service? We would like to think that we can do that, but we are aware of how many times we have turned away from service and instead focused on our own desires. Remind us again of the commitment you would have us give if we are to become disciples. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Lead us forward, gracious Lord, up these steps toward the Cross. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The journey of discipleship is never easy; but you can be assured that you will not be on this journey alone. Place your trust in Jesus.

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.

Special Music Aria (I Will Sing the Mercies of the Lord) Mendelssohn Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

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 8:31-38

Hymn Be Still, My Soul UMH 534

Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Sermon "Living as Followers" Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

Hymn The Summons TFWS 2130 (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)

Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Responsive Benediction

- .: The step of discipleship requires commitment and faith.
- P: Go now in peace, bringing the good news of Jesus' love to all people.
- L: Do not be afraid. God is with you.
- P: Amen.

PostludePraise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. G. Peterson

Marlene Dirksen