

Prayer Concerns

First Responders	Jeff, friend of Judy K.
Victims of natural disasters	Kifah, friend of David L.
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	Sheryl, lifted by Sally S.
Stephen Ministers and Care Receivers	Selene, lifted by Carole A. Keith A.
Carole B.	Donna, sister of Carol N.
Tom M. & family	Donna, friend of Judy K.
Ron W.	Andy, Faye W.'s son
Josh O. & Guylene H.	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.	Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.
Mary, Sue S.'s mother	Darlene, friend of Barb A.
Donald R.	Matthew F., USAF
Mary Lou L.	Lt. Col Bill G., USMC
Dallas & Bobbi, lifted by Terri W.	Christopher Y., USAF
Sterling B.	
Frank M.	

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

March 17	Kris Hipple	March 20	Barbara Miotti
March 19	Liam Benko	March 20	Deb Chermonte
March 17	Kim & Ken Delfing		

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March 14, 2021 Fourth Sunday in Lent/UMCOR Sunday

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

Prelude

Chorale: Jesu, Priceless Treasure
Marlene Dirksen

J.S. Bach

Call to Worship (Psalm 107, Ephesians 2, John 3)

Greg Lavelle

L: God loves us with a steadfast love.
P: **Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!**
L: God loves us so much he gave us his Son.
P: **Let us believe and have eternal life!**
L: God loves us with a great love, rich in mercy.
P: **Let us have faith to receive this grace!**
L: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

New Testament Reading Ephesians 2:1-10

Unison Prayer (John 3, Ephesians 2)

Great Triune God, we have gathered here in your name as an act of faith, believing that you are not only among us, but that you love us. It is often hard to recognize your love, see your mercy, and feel your presence. Help us today in our worship, that we might be transparent to your grace, as you reveal yourself to each one of us. Amen.

Hymn *Grace Greater than Our Sin* UMH 365
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Prayers of the People

Prayer Concerns (back of bulletin)

Pastoral Prayer

Responsive Prayer of Confession (Numbers 21)

L: God, we have sinned against you. We have spoken against you and your servant Jesus.

P: **We have uttered lies. We have cursed you and others. We have said vulgar things. We have been consumed by doubt.**

L: We have been bitten with the venom of hatred in our world.

P: **We have oppressed the helpless. We have been intolerant of others. We have delighted in violence. We have spent money foolishly.**

L: Please, Lord God, forgive us our transgressions, that we may be healed of our sin.

Words of Assurance (John 3)

Hear now the loving truth of God: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned.

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.

Special Music *Shall We Gather at the River* Lowry; arr. Bridges
Amazing Grace Newton; arr. Bridges
Anita Bridges, Hammered Dulcimer

Gospel Reading John 3:14-21

Hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This* UMH 292
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Sermon "Saved By the Light" Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

Hymn *We Are Called* TFWS 2172
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Responsive Benediction

L: The darkness has been banished. God's light is given for you.

P: **Go on this journey of discovery and hope.**

L: Bring peace and joy with you wherever you go.

P: **Be God's bearers of light to this dark world.**

L: Go in peace.

P: **Amen.**

Postlude *Bourrée in G Major* G. Frederick Handel
Marlene Dirksen