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
Carole B.
Tom M. & family
Ron W.
Josh O. & Guylene H.
Barbara B.
Viola C.
Susan W.
Carolyn and Alex B.
Mary, Sue S.’s mother
Donald R.
Mary Lou L.
Dallas & Bobbi, lifted by Terri W.
Sterling B.
Frank M.

Jeff, friend of Judy K.
Kifah, friend of David L.
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.
Zack, son of Jennifer G.
Steve, Mary Ellen M.’s son
Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.
Darlene, friend of Barb A.
Matthew F., USAF
Lt. Col Bill G., USMC
Christopher Y., USAF

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  J.S. Bach
Marlene Dirksen

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