

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	Mary, Sue S.'s mother
Those who are homeless	Sheryl, lifted by Sally S.
Stephen Ministers and Care Receivers	Selene, lifted by Carole A. Judy, Brenda F.'s sister
Mary Lou L.	Donna, sister of Carol N.
Alex K.	Donna, friend of Judy K.
Judy K.	Andy, Faye W.'s son
Carole B.	Israel, Sarah J.'s student
Ron W.	Bev, lifted by Josh O.
Sterling B.	Zack, son of Jennifer G.
Josh O. & Guylene H.	Steve, Mary Ellen M.'s son
Barbara B.	Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.
Viola C.	Darlene, friend of Barb A.
Susan W.	Matthew F., USAF
Connie C.	Lt. Col Bill G., USMC
Donald R.	Christopher Y., USAF
Keith A.	
Dallas & Bobbi, lifted by Terri W.	

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 9	Carole Andrews	May 13	Judi Wagner
May 10	Susan Wolter	May 14	Chris Benko
May 10	Leslie Dilley	May 14	Oriana Brenzo
May 12	Mike Moore	May 15	Ed Brewster
May 13	Carolyn Owings	May 15	Anita Bridges
May 13	Alice Walsh		
May 10	Barb & Ron Clough	May 14	Deb & Joel Chermonte

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May 9, 2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

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 *Let Us All with a Gladsome Voice* arr. Healy Willan
Organist: Marlene Dirksen

Call to Worship (Psalm 98) Andy Walsh

L: Sing to God a new song,
P: **for God has done marvelous things!**
L: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth,
P: **for God is still doing marvelous things!**
L: Break into joyful song!
P: **Sing praises with lyre and melody and trumpets!**
L: Let the seas roar and the floods clap their hands!
P: **For God is coming to judge the world with righteousness.**

L: God is coming to judge the world with equity.

P: Sing to God a new song!

New Testament Reading 1 John 5:1-6

Unison Prayer (Acts 10, Psalm 98, 1 John 5, John 15)

God of songs and marvels, old and new, your powerful love for this world continues to astound us. In these last days of Easter, we gather to recall the love that brought Jesus into this world and into our lives: as Savior, friend, and brother. We thank you for welcoming us into your household and for trusting us with your marvelous work to draw all people into the spacious home of your love. Amen.

Hymn *Victory in Jesus* UMH 370
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Prayers of the People

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Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession (John 15)

Jesus, friend and brother, you taught us to abide in your generous love, for it completes our lives and gives us joy; you ask us to love others as you have loved us, for it brings your creation to fruition. We sometimes struggle to love the people in our lives as you have loved us. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us your love again. Amen.

Words of Assurance (John 15:15b-16a)

Long ago Jesus said to his disciples, "I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from [God]. You did not choose me, but I chose you!" Jesus speaks these words to us today. Jesus forgives us and chooses us to be his friends, sharing his great work of love. Hallelujah!

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 *Morning Prayer* Tchaikovsky
Flute: Nancy Driftmyer; Piano: Jane Burnett

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 John 15:9-17

Hymn *I Come with Joy* UMH 617
(vv. 1-3 & 5)
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Sermon "The Most Enduring Commandment"
Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* UMH 526
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Responsive Benediction (John 15:12)

L: Jesus speaks again today:

P: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

L: Go in joy and faithfulness, knowing that you, the chosen friends of Jesus, abide in Jesus' love and bear the gift of this love to the world. Amen.

Postlude *God Is My Refuge and Strength* Paul Davis
Organist: Marlene Dirksen