### *Prayer Concerns*

First Responders
Victims of natural disasters
Those suffering from mental illness
Those affected by gun violence
Those who are homeless
Stephen Ministers
Care Receivers
Sydney S.
Alice and Tony, lifted by Claudia and Paul T.
Ron W.
Susan W.
Karen, lifted by David L.
Jeff R.
Nancy D.
Dale, David L.'s brother
Lois D.
Teresa, Michelle W.'s cousin
Jan R.
Josh O. and Guylene H.
Mary, lifted by Susan W.
Monica, lifted by Susan W.
Betty Ann, sister of Mike B.
Donald R.
Carol W.
Viola C.
Barbara B.
Mary Lou L.
Keith A.
Sterling B.
Patty, lifted by Janis J.
Miriam, lifted by Janis J.
Victor, lifted by Reba Y.
Scott, David L.'s brother
Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Judy, lifted by Brenda F.
Donna, sister of Carol N.
Israel, Sarah J.'s student
Bev, lifted by Josh O.
Steve, lifted by Mary Ellen M.
Matthew F., USAF
Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC
Christopher Y., USAF

### *This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries*

October 31 Anthony Brunson

October 31 Rachael & Tom Berry

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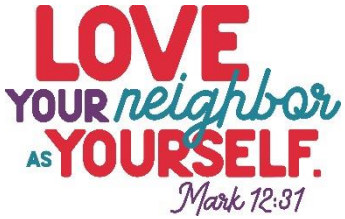


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***23rd Sunday after Pentecost/Reformation Sunday***
October 31, 2021 + 10:30 am

***Welcome and Passing of the Peace***

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with You!
**P: And also with You!**

***Celebration of Ministries***

***Prelude*** *The Church's One Foundation* arr. L. Rogers

****Call to Worship*** Joel Chermonte

L: God is calling you today.
**P: Help us to hear God's call in our lives.**
L: God needs your gifts and graces to help others.
**P: May we use the blessings which God has given us to benefit others.**
L: Come, let us worship and celebrate God's love for us.
**P: Let us show our faithfulness in our words and actions. Amen.**

****Old Testament Reading*** Psalm 146

***Unison Prayer***

**Lord, we gather here this day in praise and thanksgiving for all the wonderful things you have done for us. Help us to be faithful disciples in all that we think, do, and say, that your great love may be revealed and offer healing to all people. Amen.**

***Hymn** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* UMH 57
(vv. 1-4)

***Prayers of the People***

***Prayer Concerns***

***Pastoral Prayer***

***Prayer of Confession***

**How often, O Lord, have we believed that the greatest commandment is our love for ourselves solely. We have not heard the cries of those in need; we have turned our backs on opportunities to serve you by serving others. Many times, we have thought only of our own wants and desires and ignored the needs of others. Help us to truly understand the commandments to love you with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind. Let us care for our neighbors both far and near. Bring us back to your loving light. For we ask these things in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***Words of Assurance***

In the midst of our darkness and ignorance, the bright light of God's love shines through, healing our anguished souls. Rejoice, beloved of God, for God's love and forgiveness are given to you this day.

***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.**

***Anthem*** *The Gift of Love* Hal Hopson

***Invitation for the Offering***

***Offertory*** *Andante* Henry Letocart

***Doxology*** UMH 94

***Prayer for the Offering***

***Gospel Reading*** Mark 12:28-34

***Hymn*** *The Gift of Love* UMH 408

***Sermon*** "It Is So Simple…Or Is It?" Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

***Hymn** *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* TFWS 2223

***Responsive Benediction***

L: The pathway is open to you.

**P: It is a path of peace and hope, created by God's mighty love and wondrous blessings.**

L: Go in peace, offering hope and love to all. Go, blessed ones, to serve God all your days.

**P: Amen.**

***Postlude*** *The Lord God Ineffable* arr. David Paxton

*You are invited to remain seated for the Postlude.*

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***Worship Leaders***

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm
Organist: Marlene Dirksen
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez
Liturgist: Joel Chermonte
Usher: Beth Cruz
Greeters: Barb & Floyd Andrews, Greg Lavelle
Video Production: John Wolter, Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter