Prayer Concerns

First Responders Donald R. Victims of natural disasters Susan W. Viola C. Those suffering from mental illness

Those affected by gun violence Lois D. Those who are homeless Keith A.

Stephen Ministers Care Receivers Carol W. Randall S.'s son

Alice and Tony, lifted by Claudia and Paul T.

Ron W.

Teresa, Michelle W.'s cousin Josh O. and Guylene H. Mary, lifted by Susan W. Monica, lifted by Susan W. Betty Ann, sister of Mike B. Judy, lifted by Brenda F. Victor, lifted by Reba Y.

Barbara B.

Patty, lifted by Janis J. Miriam, lifted by Janis J.

Selene, lifted by Carole A.

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

Christopher Homola December 29 December 27 John Wolter

December 29 Liz Lavelle

December 29 Anita and James Bridges

December 31 Ellie and Jim Yager

Today's Worship Leaders

Readers: Jean Scothon, Greg Lavelle

Greeter: Jean Scothon Usher: Sarah Jackson Organist: Marlene Dirksen

Video: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter

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First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 26, 2021 + 10:30 am

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

May the love of Jesus continue to be born in you today!

P: And also in you!

Celebration of Ministries and Missions

Carols at the Manger Prelude arr. Lani Smith

*Call to Worship

L: How are we to live as God's beloved children?

P: We are to have attitudes and actions of compassion and justice.

L: How are we to live as neighbors with one another?

P: We are to put on the garments of love and peace.

Let us come before the Lord in gratitude for all we have been given.

P: Lord, thank you for all you continue to do in our lives. Amen.

*Old Testament Reading

Psalm 148

*Unison Prayer

God, who walks with each one of us, help us to place our trust in your guiding care for us as we gather to learn the great lessons of living in peaceful community with each other. Prepare us to be witnesses of your love and forgiveness. Make us ready to work for you in your creation; for we ask this in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. Amen.

***Hymn** Hark! the Herald Angels Sing UMH 240

New Testament Reading Colossians 3:12-17

Hymn Choice #1

Hymn Choice #2

Hymn Choice #3

Prayers of the People

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Prayer of Confession

Lord, it's only a few days after the Christmas celebration and we are exhausted. People have come and gone; gatherings are winding down; we are being reminded of the "normalcy" of life returning to us. We don't want to go there just yet. We want to linger in the warmth of the season. Forgive us when we don't seem to feel your warmth in our lives all the time. Forgive us when we assign warmth only to Christmas, and then to Easter and seem to dwell on the mundane the rest of the time. Give us courage to live as people of the Light, those who find your comforting, encouraging presence in our lives at all times. Strengthen us for joyful service in your name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

People of God, feel the presence of God right now, in this place, warming your hearts, forgiving your fears and strife; preparing you for joyful service. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are beloved and forgiven.

The Lord's Prayer

Gospel Reading Luke 2:41-52

Hymn Choice #4

Hymn Choice #5

Hymn Choice #6

Invitation for the Offering

*Doxology O Bethlehem arr. Richard Werner UMH 94

Prayer for the Offering

Hymn Choice #7

Hymn Choice #8

*Hymn Go, Tell It on the Mountain UMH 251

*Responsive Benediction

- L: People who have been found, loved, and forgiven, go into God's world bringing messages of peace, love, and hope to all.
- P: Be prepared for lives of service, helping others in all kinds of needs and situations.
- L: Go in peace.
- P: Amen.

Postlude The Heavens Rejoice Todd Kendall