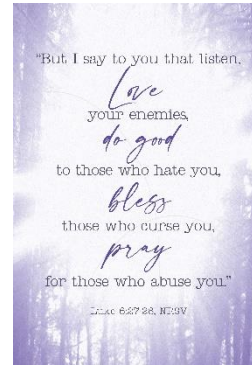


### ***Prayer Concerns***

First Responders	Donald R.
Victims of natural disasters	Susan W.
Those suffering from mental illness	Viola C.
	Barbara B.
Those affected by gun violence	Lois D.
Those who are homeless	Keith A.
Sterling B.	Selene, lifted by
Dallas, Terri W.'s father	Carole A.
Wayne, lifted by Liz L.	Monica, lifted by Susan W.
Maggie, granddaughter of Chris B.	Mary, lifted by Susan W.
Carol, lifted by Sally & Will S.	Donna, sister of Carol N.
Sherry, lifted by Sally & Will S.	Judy, lifted by Brenda F.
Nancy D.	Bev, lifted by
Carol W.	Josh O.
Ron W.	Steve, lifted by
Teresa, Michelle W.'s cousin	Mary Ellen M.
Josh O. and Guylene H.	Matthew F., USAF
Patty, lifted by Janis J.	Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC
Miriam, lifted by Janis J.	Christopher Y., USAF

### ***This Week's Birthdays***

February 20 Joanne Krueger	February 23 Sydney Scothon
February 21 Terri Wilhelm	February 25 Carolyn Bernard



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***7th Sunday after the Epiphany*** February 20, 2022 + 10:30 am

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

***Celebration of Ministries and Missions***

***Prelude*** *A Balm in Gilead* Beatrice A. Miller

***\*Call to Worship*** Janis Jarvis

L: Come and learn the ways of life.

**P: We have come to follow Jesus.**

L: Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you.

**P: We have come to follow Jesus.**

L: Bless those who curse you and pray for those who persecute you.

**P: We have come to follow Jesus.**

L: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

**P: We have come to follow Jesus.**

L: Come and learn the ways of life.

***\*Old Testament Reading*** Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

**\*Unison Prayer** (Luke 6)

Inexhaustible source of love and life, be with us in our time of worship as we seek the love it takes to walk in the ways of your Son. Help us love our enemies and bless those who wrong us, for we cannot do so alone. Teach us the joy of treating others with all the same respect and goodness with which we hope to be treated. May our every word and deed make known that we are your beloved children and vessels of your love. Amen.

**Hymn**            *Where Charity and Love Prevail* (vv. 1, 3-4, 6)    UMH 549

**Prayers of the People**

**Prayer Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Unison Prayer of Confession** (Psalm 37, Luke 6)

Teacher of hard truths, it is difficult to let go of our anger toward those who prosper through deceit and unscrupulous ways; it is not easy to make ourselves believe that the meek will inherit the earth, when they are being crushed by the unjust systems stacked against them. We long to see the vindication of the righteous and the prosperity of those who work selflessly to bring your realm here on earth. We yearn for the day when all people will treat one another as they wish to be treated. Help us live into that day, Holy One, even when it is difficult, that your love might shine like the sun through our lives and our ministries. Amen.

**Responsive Words of Pardon and Assurance** (Luke 6)

When we treat others as we would have them treat us, Jesus calls us beloved children of the Most High. If God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked, how much more will God be kind to those who love the Lord and seek to live the Golden Rule? Rest in this assurance and be at peace.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Special Music**            *Little David, Play on Your Harp*    arr. Philip Kern  
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

**Words of Witness**

Janis Jarvis, Racial Justice Group Leader

**Penny Sunday**

*Today's offering will go to support the Free Community Meal Ministry.*

**Invitation for the Offering**

**Offertory**            *In Thee, Lord, Have I Hoped*

M. Dupré

**\*Doxology**

UMH 94

**\*Prayer for the Offering**

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 6:27-38

**Hymn**

*Freely, Freely*

UMH 389

**Sermon**

"A Deeper Kind of Love" Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

**Hymn**

*Pass It On*

UMH 572

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Go Forth in Faith*

Christopher Gale

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

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**Today's Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Organist: Marlene Dirksen

Vocalists: Gabriela Martinez, Rae Spalding

Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Liturgist: Janis Jarvis

Greeters: Charlene and John Vas, Greg Lavelle

Usher: Sarah Jackson

Audio/Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter