Prayer Concerns

First Responders
Victims of natural disasters
Those suffering from mental
illness

Those affected by gun violence
Those who are homeless

Maggie, granddaughter of Chris B.

Joan L. Sterling B.

Dallas, Terri W.'s father Wayne, lifted by Liz L.

Carol, lifted by Sally & Will S. Sherry, lifted by Sally & Will S.

Carol W. Ron W.

Teresa, Michelle W.'s cousin Josh O. and Guylene H. Miriam, lifted by Janis J. Patty, lifted by Janis J. Donald R. Susan W.

Viola C. Barbara B.

Lois D. Keith A.

Mary, lifted by Susan W. Monica, lifted by Susan W. Donna, sister of Carol N.

Selene, lifted by Carole A.

Judy, lifted by Brenda F.

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 and Anniversaries

April 5 Kim Busser

April 4 Diane and Ray Plogger

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Fifth Sunday in Lent April 3, 2022 + 10:30 am

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Celebration of Ministries and Missions

Stewardship Message

John Vas

"An Invitation to Give Cheerfully and Abundantly" (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

Prelude Wondrous Love arr. Dale Wood

*Call to Worship (Isaiah 43, Psalm 126, John 12) Michelle Wolter

L: The days ahead are dark and full of foreboding.

P: We watch as Jesus journeys to the cross.

L: There is no way to change what is to come.

P: Yet death has not the final word.

L: Let us bear witness to God's new life moving within and among us.

P: God is doing a new thing. Let us rejoice and give thanks!

*New Testament Reading Philippians 3:4b-14

*Unison Prayer (John 12)

Holy Sustainer, you were ever in and with Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem, guiding his choices and strengthening his courage each step of the way. As your beloved children, be with us and strengthen us on our journeys. Through our time of worship and our companionship with one another, teach us to recognize Christ in everyone we meet. Help us offer holy hospitality wherever it is needed, and free us from our fears of scarcity, that we may share from our abundance and be a blessing for others. Amen.

*Hymn

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH 57

(vv. 1-3, 5, 7)

Prayers of the People

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Pastoral Prayer

Responsive Prayer of Confession (Isaiah 43, Ps. 126, Philippians 3)

L: Holy Source of New Life, you promise to set us free from paths of fear, doubt, and denial.

P: Yet we resist your invitation, seeing only what we must give up if we are to follow the path of Jesus.

L: You call us to have faith in your sustaining presence and power, but your call takes us beyond anything we can see or touch.

P: We fear placing our trust in things beyond our control.

L: We doubt that you can bring water to the dry places of our lives or replace our suffering with joy.

P: Forgive us when we turn away from your promise of abundant life.

L: Heal us and lead us home, Holy One. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Philippians 3)

Whenever we seek to leave behind our old ways and turn to God for help, God forgives our faithlessness and strengthens us for the journey ahead. We are the heirs of God's promises. We are the children of God's compassion and mercy.

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem The Light Will Soon Appear David Lantz III

Invitation for the Offering

Offertory Lord, Keep Us Steadfast **Benton Price UMH 95**

*Doxology

*Prayer for the Offering

Gospel Reading John 12:1-8

All Who Hunger **TFWS 2126** Hymn

"Pressing on Toward the Goal" Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm Sermon

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Hymn My Hope Is Built **UMH 368**

*Benediction

Postlude A. Schreiner O Fairest Church of Christ

You are invited to remain seated for the Postlude.

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm Organist: Marlene Dirksen

Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez

Liturgist: Michelle Wolter

Greeters: Barb and Floyd Andrews, Greg Lavelle

Ushers: Barb and Ron Clough

Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter