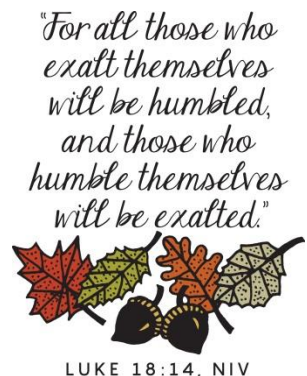


Prayer Concerns

First Responders	Donald R.
Victims of natural disasters	Ron W.
Those suffering from mental illness	Viola C. Barbara B.
Those affected by gun violence	Lois D.
Those who are homeless	Keith A.
Ray P.	Judy K.
Justin, lifted by Vann P.	Sterling B.
Judy F.	Carol W.
Arthur, Louise A.'s brother	Donna, sister of Carol N.
Karen & Eric, lifted by Carole B.	Teresa, Michelle W.'s cousin
Susan W.	Bill, Sarah J.'s brother
Josh O.	Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Judy, lifted by Brenda F.	Steve, lifted by Mary Ellen M.
Deb, friend of Claudia & Paul T.	Matthew F., USAF
Sally S.	Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC
Nancy D.	Christopher Y., USAF
Sally C.	
Kathy, lifted by Claudia & Paul T.	

This Week's Birthdays

October 26	Rita Wallace	October 28	Ellie Yager
October 28	Don Rasgaitis	October 29	Alyssa Dennis



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20th Sunday after Pentecost October 23, 2022 + 10:30 am

Welcome and Greeting

L: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

Celebration of Ministries and Missions

Prelude

Prelude in F Major

A. E. Floyd

*Call to Worship (Psalm 65, Joel 2)

Ed Brewster

L: Praise is due to you, O God, O you who answer prayer.

P: **Happy are those who live in your courts—
those who are satisfied with the goodness
of your house and your holy temple.**

L: You are the hope of all things, Holy One,
from the ends of the earth to the farthest seas.

P: **You make the gateways of the evening
and the morning shout for joy.**

L: Rejoice in God, O people, and be glad.

P: **Let us shout and sing together for joy.**

***Old Testament Reading** Psalm 84:1-7

***Unison Prayer** (Joel 2)

God of all generations, pour out your spirit upon us, that we may dream dreams, see visions, and view the whole created order as your bountiful church. With responsibility and joy, we pledge ourselves to renew your church, in Jesus' name. Amen.

***Hymn** *Come, Thou Almighty King* UMH 61

Prayers of the People

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession (Psalm 65, Joel 2, Luke 18)

Creator God, we confess this day to engaging in habits that diminish the bounty of your creation. Not satisfied with the goodness of your holy temple, your seas and mountains, your rain and soil, we have fashioned a system of sustenance that seems good to us, but cannot be sustained. Be merciful to us, for we have sinned. Answer us with awesome deeds of deliverance, O Hope of the Earth. Give us vision and a prophetic spirit. Renew our vocation, as stewards of your creation. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Luke 18, Psalm 65)

Do not lose heart. Those who humbly admit their sins find favor with God. For God answers prayer, and forgives transgression. Believe this good news: We are forgiven and freed to newness of life.

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 *Find in Me a Thankful Heart* Lloyd Larson

The Offering

Offertory *O God of Truth, Living Word* Healey Willan

***Doxology** UMH 94

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gospel Reading Luke 18:9-14

Hymn *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* UMH 357
(vv. 1-3, 5-6)

Sermon "The Focus of Attention" Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

***Hymn** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* UMH 402

***Responsive Benediction** (Numbers 6:24-26)

L: The Lord bless you and keep you;

P: **the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;**

L: the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

P: **Amen.**

Postlude *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* arr. Peterson

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

Organist: Marlene Dirksen

Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez

Liturgist: Ed Brewster

Greeters: Jim and Ellie Yager, Greg Lavelle

Ushers: Barb and Ron Clough

Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter