Prayer Concerns

First Responders Victims of natural disasters Those suffering from mental

illness Those affected by gun violence

Those who are homeless Those experiencing addiction

Will & Sally S.

Greg, lifted by Sarah J.

Nancy K.

Karen, sister of Jeff R.

David, lifted by Mary Ellen M.

Jane P.

Bob, lifted by Claudia & Paul T. Terry, lifted by Claudia & Paul T. Matthew F., USAF

Judy, lifted by Brenda F.

Deb, friend of Claudia & Paul T.

Kathy, lifted by Claudia & Paul T.

Josh O. Ron W. Barbara B.

Nancy D. Lois D.

Bill. Sarah J.'s brother Justin, lifted by Vann P.

Carole B. Ray S. Keith A. Judy F.

Selene, lifted by

Carole A. Steve. lifted by

Mary Ellen M.

Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC

Christopher Y., USAF

This Week's Birthdays

January 20 Joel Chermonte January 15 Barb Linton

January 19 Christine Mincik

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm Organist: Marlene Dirksen

Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez

Liturgist: Floyd Andrews

Greeters: Frank and Sandi O'Dell, Greg Lavelle

Usher: Beth Cruz

Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter

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2nd Sunday after the Epiphany/Human Relations Day

January 15, 2023 + 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

David Paxton Prelude A Song in the New Year

*Call to Worship (Isaiah 49, The Message)

Floyd Andrews

L: Listen up, everyone! God has given us work to do.

P: God has called each of us before we were even born.

L: It was God who named us.

P: It is God who claims us.

L: The light of God's love shines in us.

P: Let's shine God's love into all the world!

*New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

*Unison Prayer (Isaiah 49, 1 Corinthians 1)

God of Isaiah, you are our God, too. You spoke to the prophets, but your message did not end with them. There is still work to be done, and we pray to hear your call afresh. Help us joyfully claim our role as your beloved servants, knowing that you provide all that we need to do our work. You walked with us before we were even born, and you continue to hold us by the hand each and every day of our lives. We pray with the confidence of those who have been filled with your light. We pray with the assurance of those who have been called into fellowship with your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn

Christ for the World We Sing

UMH 568

Prayers of the People

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Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession (Isaiah 49, Psalm 40, 1 Corinthians 1) Faithful God, you call us to be saints, but we are more comfortable with the role of sinner; you call us to be your servants, but we worry that we lack the skills to do your work; you put a new song of praise in our mouths, but we stumble on unfamiliar words; you show us the work to be tackled, but we turn away defiant, insisting we have more important things to do. Put your song on our lips and in our hearts, and remind us of the joy that awaits us when we put our trust in you. Guide us into the light of your unwavering, never-ending, and grace-filled love. Amen.

Words of Assurance and Pardon (1 Corinthians 1)

God is faithful and ever-present. The God who knew us before our birth loves us still and strengthens us, that we will one day be blameless. Through the gift of Jesus Christ, God offers forgiveness, grace, and mercy. Enter into the light!

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.

Penny Sunday Offering

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

Anthem Walking on High Places Howard Helvey

Invitation for the Offering

*Doxology Star of the East Michael Shea
UMH 94

*Prayer for the Offering

Gospel Reading John 1:29-42

Hymn Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart UMH 500

(vv. 1, 3-5)

Sermon "Searching" Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

***Hymn** O Zion, Haste UMH 573

*Responsive Benediction (Isaiah 49, 1 Corinthians 1)

- L: Go in the love of the One who strengthens us for the work to which we are called.
- P: Go in the fellowship of Jesus Christ, who claims us as sisters and brothers.
- L: Go in the community of the Holy Spirit, who binds us together with all the saints.
- P: Go with grace to shine God's love into all the world. Amen.

Postlude Joy in Judea Richard Blake