

Prayer Concerns

First Responders	Josh O.
Victims of natural disasters	Ron W.
Those suffering from mental illness	Barbara B. Nancy D.
Those affected by gun violence	Lois D.
Those who are homeless	Justin, lifted by Vann P.
Those experiencing addiction	Judy, lifted by Brenda F.
Chris B.	Ray S.
Louise A.	Keith A.
Carole B.	Judy F.
Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.	Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Karen, sister of Jeff R.	Steve, lifted by Mary Ellen M.
David, lifted by Mary Ellen M.	Matthew F., USAF
Bob, Terry, Kathy, and Deb, lifted by Claudia & Paul T.	Lt. Col. Bill G., USMC
Will & Sally S.	Christopher Y., USAF
Jane P.	
Greg, lifted by Sarah J.	

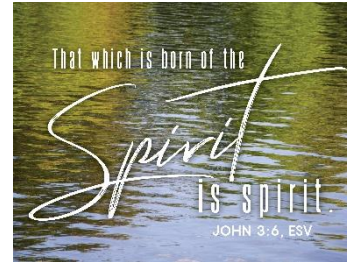
This Week's Birthdays

March 5	Kirsten Ressel	March 6	Luma Bautista
March 5	Sharon Werner	March 9	Nathan Clough

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm
Organist: Marlene Dirksen
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez
Liturgist: Greg Lavelle
Greeters: Ellie and Jim Yager, Greg Lavelle
Usher: Sarah Jackson
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter

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Second Sunday in Lent March 5, 2023 + 10:30 am

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

L: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!
P: **And also with you!**

Celebration of Ministries and Missions

Prelude *Jesus, We Are Here* J.S. Bach

***Call to Worship** (Genesis 12, Psalm 121, John 3) Greg Lavelle

L: Come, all who need help!
P: **Our help comes from God,
the one who made heaven and earth.**
L: Come, all who desire blessing!
P: **Our blessing comes from God,
the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.**
L: Come, all who long for salvation!
P: **Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ,
the one sent by God to save the world.**

***Old Testament Reading** Psalm 121

***Unison Prayer** (Genesis 12, Psalm 121, John 3)

God of the ages, we come into this holy space asking for your blessing, only to find that the abundance of your love is already around us. Open our eyes to see the blessing of your creation in the beauty all around us. Open our ears to hear the blessing of your word as it is proclaimed in story and song this day. Open our hearts to experience the blessing of faith through the gentle touch of a friend or the supportive smile of a stranger. And open our doors, that we may become vessels of your blessing to a world still in need of salvation. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Hymn** *Gather Us In* TFWS 2236

Prayers of the People

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Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession (Genesis 12, John 3)

God of salvation, you shower our lives and our world with love, yet we too often turn away from your blessing. It is just so easy to complain! There are little annoyances each day, but they pile up into a mountainous burden that becomes a curse on our lives. Free us from our unwise choices, O God. When we are distracted and confused, redirect our attention to the abundant opportunities to experience your love. During this Lenten journey, focus our hearts on you, that we may choose the blessing of salvation offered us each day through Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance (Genesis 12, John 3)

God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn it, but that the world might be saved through him. Through the saving love of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and blessed!

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

Invitation for the Offering

You are invited to give your tithes and offerings online (www.noumc.org/donate), by mailing a check to the church office, or in the offering plates that are passed during worship.

Offertory *Song of Faith* Mozart

***Doxology** UMH 95

***Prayer for the Offering**

Gospel Reading John 3:1-17

Hymn *Blessed Assurance* UMH 369

Sermon "Born to Love" Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Hymn** *To God Be the Glory* UMH 98

***Responsive Benediction** (Psalm 121, John 3)

- L: As you leave this place, lift up your eyes to the Lord!
- P: **The One who sent Jesus Christ, as salvation for all the world, will never desert you.**
- L: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in, from this time on, and forevermore.
- P: **Go now in peace, with God's blessing. Amen.**

Postlude *Chaconne* Gordon Young

Please be seated for the Postlude.