

### ***Prayer Concerns***

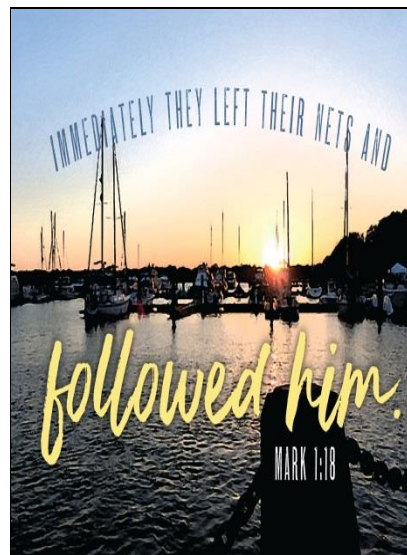
First Responders	Carole B.'s niece's family
Those affected by gun violence	Nancy D.
Those suffering from mental illness, addiction & homelessness	Lois D.
Bunny, Liz L.'s cousin	Anita B.
Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.	Ray S.
Doug, friend of Joel & Deb C.	Judy, lifted by Brenda F.
Bill & Marilyn R.	Marianne, lifted by Janis J.
Tammy M.'s Dad's recovery	Jane P.
Vicki and her family, daughter of Rae and Walt S.	Keith A.
Harry W., son of Harry W.	Judy L.
Dan G., lifted by Barb & Ron C.	Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Matt & Debby, lifted by Janis J.	David and Steve, lifted by Mary Ellen M.
Joan H.	Terry, Kathy, and Deb, lifted by Paul & Claudia T.
Jeff S., nephew of Jan & Bill C.	Barbara B.
Cindy, Reba Y.'s sister-in-law	David N., JoAnne's husband
Jewel Y., lifted by the Wolters	Joy and Rocky, lifted by Paul & Claudia T.
Betty, Paul T.'s aunt	Ron W.
John, Paul T.'s 2 <sup>nd</sup> cousin	Wayne K., lifted by Liz L.

### ***This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries***

1/21 Mary Lou Luckado	1/26 John and Judy Solt
1/21 Bob Reinecke	1/27 Sydney Moses
1/25 Bob and Carol Nupp	

### ***Today's Worship Leaders***

Preacher: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm  
Organist: Javier Gonzalez  
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez  
Liturgist: Joel Chermonte  
Greeters: John and Char Vas, Sarah Jackson  
Ushers: Sarah Jackson, Sydney Scothon  
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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### **3rd Sunday after the Epiphany/Penny Sunday**

January 21, 2024 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***

*A Contemplative Prayer*

David Lasky

##### ***\*Call to Worship***

Joel Chermonte

L: Gather this day in hope and steadfast faith.

**P: We wait for God's word for us.**

L: Let your hearts and spirits be open.

**P: God is our strength and salvation.**

L: Wait patiently for the Lord.

**P: With willing hearts and spirits we wait for the Lord.**

**\*Unison Prayer**

O God, you are our light and our salvation. Living in your presence, we have nothing to fear. Open our hearts to your word this day. As we hear the stories of Jonah and Ninevah, and the call of the first disciples, make us ready to follow on whatever paths you leads us. Cast aside our fears and doubts, and teach us to trust wholly in you. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**\*Old Testament Readings**      Psalm 62:5-12

**\*Hymn**                      *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*                      UMH 117

**Prayers of the People**

**Prayer Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we would rather proclaim death to our enemies than see them forgiven and redeemed. Forgive our hardness of heart, O God, and our reluctance to see your divine image in those who hate and despise us. Teach us to love our enemies, that our lives may proclaim your truth—that love is stronger than hate, and mercy is greater than vengeance. We ask this in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

Hear the good news: Jesus came to save the world, not to condemn it. We who were dead to our sins have been raised to newness of life through Jesus who is the Lord 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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Penny Sunday**                      Redbird Mission

**Choir Anthem**                      *Gracious Spirit, Love Divine*                      Philip Young

**The Offering**  
**Offertory**                      *Offertoire from Premier Livre de Pieces d'Orgue*  
Jean-Francoise Dandrieu  
UMH 94

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer for the Offering**

**Old Testament Lesson**                      Jonah 3:1-5, 10

**Gospel Reading**                      Mark 1:14-20

**Hymn**                      *Where He Leads Me*                      UMH 338

**Sermon**                      "Call and Response"      Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

**\*Hymn**                      *O Jesus, I Have Promised*                      UMH 396

**\*Responsive Benediction**

L: Christ is calling us forth.

**P: We walk in the footsteps of the disciples who went before us.**

L: Christ is calling us forth.

**P: We go with the blessings of God who leads us into life.**

**Postlude**                      *Here's One*                      Mark Hayes  
arr. Marvin Gaspard

*(You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.)*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*