

Prayer Concerns

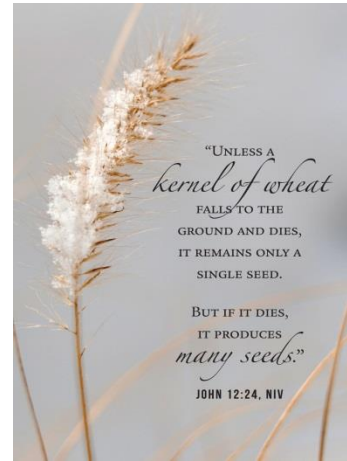
First Responders	Carole B.'s niece's family
Those affected by gun violence	Nancy D.
Those suffering from mental Illness, addiction & homelessness	Lois D.
Bunny, Liz L.'s cousin	Anita B.
Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.	Ray S.
Doug, friend of Joel & Deb C.	Judy, lifted by Brenda F.
Bill & Marilyn R.	Marianne, lifted by Janis J.
Tammy M.'s Dad's recovery	Jane P.
Vicki and her family, daughter of Rae and Walt S.	Keith A.
...Dan G., lifted by Barb & Ron C.	Judy L.
Matt & Debby, lifted by Janis J.	Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Joan H.	Barbara B.
Jeff S., nephew of Jan & Bill C.	David N., JoAnne's husband
Cindy, Reba Y.'s sister-in-law	Joy and Rocky, lifted by Paul & Claudia T.
Jewel Y., lifted by the Wolters	Ron W.
Betty, Paul T.'s aunt	Richard P., lifted by Liz L.
Pat, CJ C.'s mother	Jan, community meal guest
CJ C., lifted by Chris B.	Barb L.
	Ken & Doris, friends of Sally C.

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

3/17 Timothy Smith	3/20 Deb Chermonte
3/17 Kristin Hipple	3/21 Wendy Cooper
3/17 Ken & Kim Delfing	3/21 Heather Pangle
3/19 Liam Benko	

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm
Organist: Javier Gonzalez
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez
Liturgist: Ed Brewster
Greeters: Jean Scothon, Greg Lavelle
Ushers: Sarah Jackson, Sydney Scothon
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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5th Sunday in Lent/Penny Sunday

March 17, 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 *Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured* Mark Jones

Introit Bells *Bunessan (Gaelic)* arr. Mark Prater

***Call to Worship** Ed Brewster

L: We come broken.

P: This is a story of hope.

L: We come fearful.

P: This is a story of peace.

L: We come cynical.

P: This is a story of liberation.

L: We come empty.

P: Listen for the story of life.

***Unison Prayer**

Lord, we know Easter is coming soon and while we anxiously wait to celebrate your triumphant victory over sin and death, there are still difficult days between now and then. And try as we might, we cannot comprehend love and mercy so great as this. There is nothing perfect about us, yet you beckon us with hands that soon will be scarred by betrayal, greed, selfishness, pettiness, pride, and apathy. You see us and our imperfections with compassionate and patient eyes as we struggle to rid our lives of all the worldly things that distort, distract, and entangle us. As the cross looms ahead, our eyes and our focus are on you and you alone for our redemption and salvation. Amen.

***Old Testament Reading** Jeremiah 31:31-34

***Hymn** *I Love to Tell the Story* UMH 156

Special Music Bells *Ave Verum Corpus* arr. Jefferey A. Hall

Prayers of the People

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Pastoral Prayer

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.

Choir Anthem *Must Jesus Bear the Cross (with Lonesome Valley)*
arr. Joseph Martin

Penny Sunday

Prayer for all Offerings

Gospel Reading John 12:20-26

Hymn *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* UMH 277

Sermon "Listening for the Story of Life" Rev. Alice Walsh

***Hymn** *When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee* UMH 263
(verses 1-5)

***Responsive Benediction** (Traditional Irish Blessing)

L: May the road rise to meet you,

P: May the wind be always at your back.

L: May the sun shine warm on your face,

P: The rains fall soft upon your fields.

L: And until we meet again...

P: May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Postlude *O Day of Peace* Charles Callaban

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

**Please stand if you are able.*