

## ***Prayer Concerns***

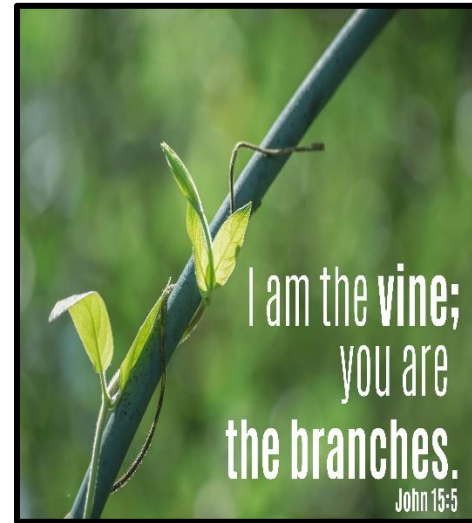
First Responders	Carole B.'s niece's family
Those affected by gun violence	Deb, lifted by Claudia T.
Those suffering from mental illness, addiction & homelessness	Lois D.
Condolences to the family of Nancy Driftmyer on her passing	John, lifted by Mary B.
Margaret T., lifted by Joan T.	Keith A.
Todd and Caroline W., lifted by Barb A.	Judy L.
Diana Stock, niece of Jean S.	Chris K., lifted by Jean S.
Carolyn B.	Bunny, Liz L.'s cousin
Jennifer G.	Ray S.
Will S.	Judy, lifted by Brenda F.
Mario, Community Meals piano player	Marianne, lifted by Janis J.
Pat, CJ C.'s mother	Susan L.
Cindy, Reba Y.'s sister-in-law	Dustyn D.
James B.	Barbara B.
Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.	CJ C., lifted by Chris B.
Bill & Marilyn R.	Doris, friend of Sally C.
Vicki and her family, daughter of Rae and Walt S.	Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Dan G., lifted by Barb & Ron C.	David N., JoAnne's husband
Doug, friend of Joel and Deb C.	Joy and Rocky, lifted by Paul & Claudia T.
Matt & Debby, lifted by Janis J.	Ron W.
Joan H.	Kevin, lifted by Barb & Ron C.
Hoyte W.	Andy W.
	Ron S., lifted by Ed B.

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

8/26 Bob Nupp	8/29 CJ Cornell
8/27 Marilyn and Bill Ransom	8/31 David Linton

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

Preacher: Rev. Alice Walsh  
Organist: Javier Gonzalez  
Liturgist: John Wolter  
Greeters: John and Char Vas, Greg Lavelle  
Usher: Liz Lavelle  
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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## **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Penny Sunday**

August 25, 2024 10:30 am

### ***Welcome and Passing of the Peace***

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

**P: And also with you.**

### ***Celebration of Ministries and Missions***

**Prelude**      *Prelude on "Jerusalem the Golden"* Ernest A. Dicks

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

John Wolter

L: Planted in love by God and nourished by the life-giving vine that is Christ,

**P: Our lives in this world can be fruitful.**

L: Fruitfulness is the sign that we are being fed by Christ and not some other. The vine will bear for its planter.

**P: But will the branch that we represent be pruned or burned?**

L: It is not our responsibility to be the Source of life.

**P: It is our responsibility to be the channel,**

**ALL: The willing vehicle of God's bounty for all peoples!**

**\*Unison Prayer**

Loving God, we gather this morning to praise and glorify You. Cleanse us today in the hearing of Your Word. Prune away the dead debris of our fears and failures so we may become productive branches in the church, reaching out to feed a world starving for genuine love and yearning for a strong and loving community. Amen.

**\*New Testament Reading**      1 John 4:7-21

**\*Hymn**                      *The Summons*                      TFWS 2130

**Prayers of the People**

**Prayer Concerns**

**Prayer Chorus**                      *Cares Chorus*                      TFWS 2215

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, Dresser of Vines, we confess that we have been more willing to consume the fruits of others than to bear fruit ourselves. We have refused to give of ourselves when the harvest is uncertain. We have not been fruitful because we depended too much on ourselves and not enough on you. Help us, God, to be channels for your grace, branches who feed on your life-giving Spirit, bearers of your word of love and joy.

**Words of Assurance**

**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.

**Special Music**

*Andantino*

Hummel

arr. by Ernest A. Dicks

Piano Solo: Javier Gonzalez

**Prayer for the Offering**

**New Testament Reading**      John 15:1-8

**Hymn**                      *Come and Find the Quiet Center*                      TFWS 2128

**Sermon**                      "Not Good If Detached"                      Rev. Alice Walsh

**\*Hymn**                      *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*                      TFWS 2241

**\*Responsive Benediction**

L: Go, my fellow branches. Go, my sisters and my brothers.

**P: Go as those who abide in the vine. Go as those freed to bear much fruit.**

L: Go and let your love of God flow out in love for all your neighbors, near and far.

**P: Go in God's peace. Amen.**

**Postlude**      *Now Thank We All Our God*      Johann Adrian Junghanns

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

*\*Please stand if you are able.*