

Prayer Concerns

First Responders	Brenda F.'s niece, Michelle
Those affected by gun violence	The Lavelle Family in Florida
Those suffering from mental illness, addiction & homelessness	Lois D.
Nate R.	John, lifted by Mary B.
Joan T.	Keith A.
Margaret T., lifted by Joan T.	Judy L.
Todd and Caroline W., lifted by Barb A.	Bunny, Liz L.'s cousin
Tammy M.'s friend, Kate's, father	Doug, friend of Joel & Deb C.
Donna R., sister of Bob & Carol N.	Ron W.
Greg & Liz L.	Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Linda H., lifted by Liz L.	Joan H.
Matt & Debby, lifted by Janis J.	Janis J.'s cousin, Mel
Carolyn B.	Ray S.
Jennifer G.	Judy, lifted by Brenda F.
Will S.	Marianne, lifted by Janis J.
Mario, Community Meals piano player	Susan L.
Pat, CJ C.'s mother	Randall S.
Cindy, Reba Y.'s sister-in-law	Barbara B.
Daniel B., lifted by Ed B.	Family of Irina M.
Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.	Doris, friend of Sally C.
Bill & Marilyn R.	David N., JoAnne's husband
Vicki and her family, daughter of Rae and Walt S.	Joy and Rocky, lifted by Paul & Claudia T.
	Daniel C, lifted by Joel & Deb C.

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

10/26 Rita Wallace

Today's Worship Leaders

Co-Leaders for Today's Worship: John and Michelle Wolter
Speakers: Barb Clough, Sharon Werner
Organist: Javier Gonzalez
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez
Greeters: Barb Andrews, Sarah Jackson
Usher: Judi Wagner
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost Laity Sunday/Anti-Racism Sunday

October 20, 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 *A Gentle Song* David Lasky

****Call to Worship***

L: Father of the Heavenly Lights, you brought us to life by your Word of truth,
P: We were made in your image, sons and daughters of all colors.
L: The cancerous wickedness of racism has caused your children to suffer. Prejudice, discrimination, and hatred have led to brokenness, violence and even death.
P: We confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have allowed the sin of racism to divide us in what we have done and what we have not done; what we have said and what we have not said.
L: Purify our hearts and tame our tongues, we pray;
P: Give us courage to repent, to fight for righteousness, and to love and embrace one another...

L: In the name of Jesus, Our Lord...

All: Amen.

(Rev. Rhea Summit, Pastor, New Alexandria UMC)

***Unison Prayer**

Wake me up Lord, so that the evil of racism finds no home within me. Keep watch over my heart Lord, and remove from me any barriers to your grace, that may oppress and offend my brothers and sisters. Fill my spirit Lord, so that I may give services of justice and peace. Clear my mind Lord, and use it for your glory. And finally, remind us Lord that you said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.” Amen.

(Wake Me Up, United States Conference of Bishops)

***Old Testament Reading**

Proverbs 31:8-9; 6:16-19
Exodus 22:21; Leviticus 19:33-34

***Hymn**

Amazing Grace UMH 378

Prayers of the People

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Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, who created and loves all people, we come before you today confessing the sin of racism in our country, our church and in ourselves. Forgive us for our part in it, for the ways we have contributed to the oppression of others whether knowingly or unknowingly. We want to be different and for our nation to be different, but it is hard when we face the injustice of institutions as well as the prejudice in ourselves. Help us to see the reality of racism and bigotry wherever it exists and to have the courage to challenge it. Through your Holy Spirit, may we be given the grace and power to change within ourselves and also, to join with others to do the work of love and justice in the world; to move toward the goal of bringing an end to racism. Through the name of your son, Jesus, who came for all people. Amen.

(Heather Burtch, member, Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference of the UMC, Anti-Racism Team)

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

***Prayer for the Offering**

***Doxology**

UMH 95

Anthem

New Testament Reading Acts 10:34-36

Gospel Reading John 13:34-35

Hymn *The Gift of Love* UMH 408

Messages “Dismantling Racism—Building Community”
Lay Speakers: Barb Clough and Sharon Werner

***Hymn** *This Little Light of Mine* UMH 585

***Responsive Benediction**

L: Lord Jesus Christ who reached across the ethnic boundaries of Samaritan, Roman and Jew, who offered fresh sight to the blind and freedom to captives,

P: help us to break down the barriers in our community, enable us to see the reality of racism and bigotry, and free us to challenge and uproot it from ourselves, our society and our world.

All: Amen.

(John Bucki, S.J. Prayer to End Racism from Living God's Justice: Prayers and Reflections)

Postlude *Wayfaring Stranger* Mark Hayes/arr. Marvin Gaspard
(You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.)

Special Note: The liturgies, prayers, and hymns were provided as a sharing of worship resources from The Ohio Council of Churches.