

## Prayer Concerns

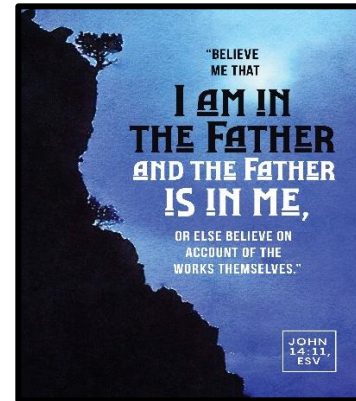
First Responders	Brenda F.'s niece, Michelle
Those affected by gun violence	Bev C., Deb C.'s mother
Those suffering from mental illness, addiction & homelessness	Lois D.
Paul T.'s mother, Alice	John, lifted by Mary B.
Todd and Caroline W., lifted by Barb A.	Keith A.
Donna R., sister of Bob & Carol N.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

## This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

11/18 Michelle Wolter	11/20 Andrew Homola
11/18 Paul & Claudia Taller	

## Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Joy Fenton-Jones  
Liturgist: Chris Byrns  
Organist: Javier Gonzalez  
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez  
Greeters: Sarah Jackson, Greg Lavelle  
Usher: Liz Lavelle  
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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## Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 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** *My Heart is Filled with Longing* J.S.Bach

**\*Call to Worship** (based on 2 Timothy 1:7-9) Chris Byrns

L: In a world that so often trades on anxiety and distrust, we proclaim:  
God has not given us a spirit of fear.

**P: God has given us gifts of power, love, grace, and self-awareness.**

L: With these gifts firmly in hand, we are not shy about the holy  
calling on our lives.

**P: We gather today with gentle courage and an abiding sense of purpose.**

L: In this time of worship, may God calm our natural anxiety and  
infuse us with inspiration.

**P: May we be more firmly grounded in God's Spirit and more deeply connected with our neighbors.**

L: We invite the fullness of God's presence in this place, with hope in  
our hearts.

**P: Amen.**

***\*Unison Prayer***

Holy and Ever-Present God, we come before you with open hearts and searching spirits. In this time of worship, help us release the limits we place on your presence. Surprise us with your voice, whispering to us in ways we do not expect. Grant us courage to step beyond what we know, so that we might truly listen, learn, and be transformed. May our gathering here be filled with your grace, leading us to a deeper awareness of your nearness and to a love that expands beyond our own boundaries. Amen.

***\*Old Testament Reading***      1 Kings 19:11-13a (NRSVUE)

***\*Hymn***                      *Bring Many Names*                      TFWS 2047

***Prayers of the People***

***Pastoral Prayer***

***Unison Prayer of Confession***

God of Bold, Unwavering Goodness, we come before you this morning with the fullness of ourselves. We confess that loving you becomes a difficult task when that love calls us from places of comfort toward places of change and transformation. When we hesitate, nudge us. When we grow weary, nurture us. When we are stubborn, break us free. We invite your transforming spirit in this time of worship and the power of your presence in these moments of silence.

***Responsive Words of Assurance***

L: How good it is that God does not leave us or forsake us, condemn us or criticize us.

**P: How good it is that we are invited to enter God's presence with the fullness of ourselves.**

L: How good it is that there is a holy calling on each one of us, imperfect as we are. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

***The Lord's Prayer***

***Penny Sunday***

***\*Prayer for the Offerings***

***\*Doxology***    UMH 95

***Anthem***                      *"The Gift of Love"*                      arr. Hal Hopson

***Gospel Reading***                      John 14:8-14 (NRSVUE)

***Hymn***                      *We Are Called*                      TFWS 2172

***Sermon***                      *"Greater Works"*                      Rev. Joy Fenton-Jones

***\*Hymn***                      *For the Healing of the Nations*                      UMH 428

***\*Responsive Benediction***

L: We depart this service with an awareness of the call God has placed on each one of us.

**P: We are called to hope, we are called to love, we are called to serve.**

L: Even as we head out toward different experiences, work, and activities, we trust in God's spirit to unite us.

**P: We are called to hope, we are called to love, we are called to serve.**

L: As we move through this week, we open our hearts to hear the voices of our neighbors and our partners in the community.

**P: We are called to hope, we are called to love, we are called to serve.**

L: May God anchor us in hope, unite us in love, and call us to service, both today and in the days to come. And all God's people say...

**All: Amen.**

***Postlude***      *Chaconne from Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C major*

D. Buxtehude

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

*\*Please stand if you are able.*