Prayer Concerns

First Responders Carole B.'s niece's family

Those affected by gun violence

Those suffering from mental

Illness, addiction & homelessness

Anita B.

Ruppy Liz L's cousin

Bunny, Liz L.'s cousin Ray S.
Curtis, lifted by Reba Y. Judy, lifted by Brenda F.
Doug, friend of Joel & Deb C. Marianne, lifted by Janis J.

Bill & Marilyn R. Jane P.

Tammy M.'s Dad's recovery Keith A.

Vicki and her family, daughter of Judy L.

Rae and Walt S.

Harry W., son of Harry W.

Dan G., lifted by Barb & Ron C.

Matt & Debby, lifted by Janis J.

Selene, lifted by Carole A.

David and Steve, lifted by Mary Ellen M.

Barbara B.

Joan H. David N., JoAnne's husband Joff S., nephew of Jan & Bill C. David N., JoAnne's husband Joy and Rocky, lifted by Paul &

Cindy, Reba Y.'s sister-in-law Claudia T.
Jewel Y., lifted by the Wolters Ron W.

Betty, Paul T.'s aunt Wayne K., lifted by Liz L.
Pat, CJ C.l's mother Jan, community meal volunteer

Barb L.

Ken & Doris, friends of Sally C.

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

2/25 Judy Sainsbury
 2/25 Carolyn Bernard
 2/28 Phil Wolter
 2/29 Ron & Lisa Davison-Stroup
 3/01 Judy Kaylor
 3/02 Gwen Hinckley

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm Organist: Javier Gonzalez

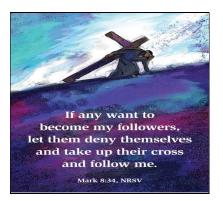
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez

Liturgist: Chris Byrns

Liz L.

Greeters: Jim and Ellie Yager, Greg Lavelle Ushers: Sarah Jackson, Sydney Scothon

Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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2nd Sunday in Lent

February 25, 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

Focus on Black History Month

Janis Jarvis

Prelude Contemplation Camille Saint-Saëns

*Call to Worship Chris Byrns

L: Lenten travelers, who is this Jesus that we follow?

P: He is the Messiah.

L: What kind of Messiah is Jesus?

P: He is the Messiah who teaches that he will lose his life and who calls us to lose our lives in order to save our lives.

L: How does it feel to follow a Messiah whose teachings and call are so hard and uncomfortable?

P: Some feel fear and anger, while others feel uncertain and anxious, and still others feel resolute and ready to follow.

L: Lenten travelers, we are not alone in our feelings about following Jesus as our Messiah. It is a hard road. The blessing is that we do not travel it alone.

P: Thanks be to God that we share this journey with Jesus and one

another as we lose our lives for the sake of the gospel to save our lives through Jesus, our Messiah.

*Unison Prayer

Lord of presence and power, be with us on our Lenten journey to the Cross. Help us to make a commitment of our lives, our spirits, our hearts to ministry in your name. Amen.

*Old Testament Readings Psalm 22:23-31

*Hymn O Worship the King, All-Glorious Above UMH 73

Prayers of the People Prayer Concerns Pastoral Prayer Responsive Prayer of Confession

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us pray.

P: Holy Friend, our God and Savior, we have talked much about faith yet have been slow to take its risks, we have lauded forgiveness yet have been miserly in giving it, we have praised truth yet have fudged our own integrity, we have extolled love

L: Come let us turn to our God, who is gracious and merciful,

truth yet have fudged our own integrity, we have extolled love yet have placed conditions on our loving, we have urged hope for others yet have ourselves lived like cynics, we have honored Christ's Cross yet have avoided our own.

L: Most faithful God, please deal with each according to our Individual betrayals of the Gospel we espouse. By your Spirit enter the secret caverns of the soul and there expose, judge, counsel, cleanse and reform us. Forgive us repeatedly, we pray, until forgiveness is such a part of us that it may become a way of life as we deal with those around us. In the name of Christ our Redeemer.

All: Amen!

Words of Assurance

L: Through the love of God and the Risen Christ, you are forgiven!

P: Though the love of God and the Risen Christ, you are forgiven!

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 Gather by the River to Pray Pepper Choplin

The Offering

*Doxology Adagio from Organ Concerto IV George F. Handel

*UMH 95

*Prayer for the Offering

Gospel Reading Mark 8:31-38

Hymn Take Up Thy Cross, the Savior Said UMH 415

Sermon "The Challenge to Be Followers" Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

***Hymn** Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult UMH 398

*Responsive Benediction

L: Beloved, go from this place in the love and power of the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—

P: to meet your neighbors and yourself with an open heart as we take up our cross and follow Jesus for the sake of the gospel.

Amen.

Postlude Te Deum Laudamus Alöys Claussmann

(You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.)
*Please stand if you are able.