

Prayer Concerns

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| 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. |
| Harry W., son of Harry W. | Judy L. |
| Dan G.r, lifted by Barb & Ron C. | Selene, lifted by Carole A. |
| Matt & Debby, lifted by Janis J. | Barbara B. |
| Joan H. | David N., JoAnne's husband |
| Jeff S., nephew of Jan & Bill C. | Joy and Rocky, lifted by Paul & Claudia T. |
| Cindy, Reba Y.'s sister-in-law | Ron W. |
| Jewel Y., lifted by the Wolters | Wayne K., lifted by Liz L. |
| Betty, Paul T.'s aunt | Jan, community meal volunteer |
| Pat, CJ C.'s mother | Barb L. |
| | Ken & Doris, friends of Sally C. |
| | Liz L. |

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 3/5 Sharon Werner | 3/7 Mark Steiger |
| 3/5 Kirsten Ressel | 3/9 Nathan Clough |
| 3/6 Luma Bautista | 3/9 Jessica Smith |

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher: Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm
Organist: Javier Gonzalez
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez
Liturgist: Joel Chermonte
Greeters: Sarah Jackson, Greg Lavelle
Ushers: Barb and Ron Clough
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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3rd Sunday in Lent

March 3, 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 *A Song of Peace* Joseph C. Bridge

***Call to Worship** Joel Chermonte

L: Lenten travelers, why are you here?

P: We gather to do the work of worship.

L: Lenten travelers, what happens when we gather to worship?

P: We listen and proclaim. We sing and pray. We repent and encourage.

L: Lenten travelers, how do we do the work of worship?

P: We bring all that we are to be present to God and one another.

L: Lenten travelers, what work does God do in worship?

P: God raises us up so that we can delight in life together with God and one another.

L: Lenten travelers, come, let us worship God together!

P: Come, let us worship God together! Amen.

***Unison Prayer** (inspired by John 2:13-22)

Holy God, in Jesus Christ you have built for us an eternal house, a temple of righteousness, a place of gracious plenty for the hungry and abundant life for the poor in spirit. Fill us with zeal for the body of Christ. Overturn the tables of corruption and greed and upset the imbalance of injustice, so that we may worship you in spirit and truth; through Jesus Christ, who is risen indeed.

***Old Testament Readings** Psalm 19

***Hymn** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* UMH 64

Prayers of the People

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Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession (inspired by Ex. 20, Ps. 19, John 2:13-22)

With hearts of sorrow, we come before you, O God, to confess what you already know—we have failed to keep your laws. Again and again, we have followed our own selfish will, rather than your holy and life-giving will for our lives. We have twisted your decrees and institutions to suit our preconceptions and interests rather than your own. Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us from hidden faults, that the words of our mouths, and the meditations of all our hearts, may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

Words of Assurance (inspired by Exodus 20: 1-17)

God shows steadfast love and blesses to the thousandth generation those who [follow] God's ways. In love, God sent Jesus to bless and redeem God's people. God forgives us our sins and restores us to new life. Let us rejoice in God's mercy.

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 *At the Table of the Lord* Jay Althouse

Prayer for the Offering

Special Music Javier Gonzalez
Litaney F. Schubert, transcribed by F. Liszt

New Testament Reading John 2:13-22

Hymn *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* UMH 269

Sermon "Raised Up" Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Sacrament of Holy Communion TFWS#2257 (b, c, d)

***Hymn** *Lord of the Dance* UMH 261

***Responsive Benediction**

L: Beloved, may Jesus Christ go ahead of you this week,

P: turning over the tables that distract and raising you up to join in the abundant life of the Triune God—

L: whose love binds us together as the Body of Christ.

All: Amen.

Postlude *Allegro Vivace* F. Mendelssohn-Barthold

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

**Please stand if you are able.*