

Prayer Concerns

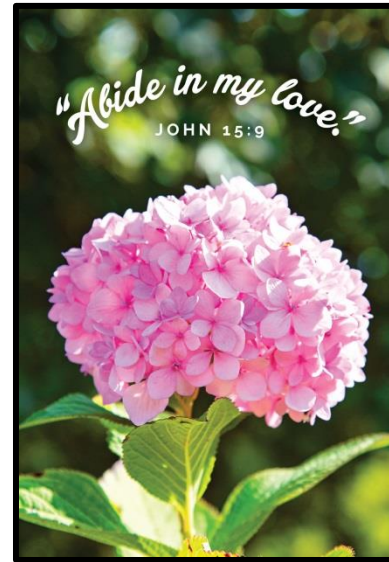
First Responders	Carole B.'s niece's family
Those affected by gun violence	Nancy D.
Those suffering from mental Illness, addiction & homelessness	Lois D.
Bunny, Liz L.'s cousin	Anita B.
Doug, friend of Joel & Deb C.	Ray S.
Janis J.	Judy, lifted by Brenda F.
Ed Brewster's aunt	Marianne, lifted by Janis J.
Jennifer G.	Jane P.
Will S.	Keith A.
Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.	Judy L.
Bill & Marilyn R.	Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Vicki and her family, daughter of Rae and Walt S.	Barbara B.
Dan G., lifted by Barb & Ron C.	David N., JoAnne's husband
Matt & Debby, lifted by Janis J.	Joy and Rocky, lifted by Paul & Claudia T.
Joan H.	Ron W.
Jeff S., nephew of Jan & Bill C.	Richard P., lifted by Liz L.
Cindy, Reba Yafanaro's sister-in-law	Jan, community meal guest
Pat, CJ C.'s mother	Barb L.
Mario, Community Meals piano player	Ken & Doris, friends of Sally C.
	CJ Cornell, lifted by Chris B.
	Dustyn D.

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

5/5 Sam Vas	5/10 Susan Wolter
5/7 Jennifer Kearney	5/10 Barb and Ron Clough
5/7 Alice Fahey	5/10 Kim Seedhouse
5/9 Carole Andrews	5/10 Leslie Dilley

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher: Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm
Organist: Javier Gonzalez
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez
Liturgist: Chris Byrns
Greeters: Sarah Jackson, Greg Lavelle
Ushers: Sarah Jackson
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm, Pastor

6th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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

Praeludium

Hermann Schroeder

***Call to Worship**

Chris Byrns

L: We come with joy to this celebration of God's love!

P: Open our hearts, Lord, to receive your love.

L: We come with hope to this witness to God's power!

P: Challenge and encourage our spirits to serve you, Lord.

L: We come with a willingness to proclaim God's presence to all.

P: We thank God for this invitation to worship, witness and serve.

***Unison Prayer**

New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us a desire to serve you, to live peacefully and lovingly with our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

***Old Testament Reading** Psalm 98

***Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* UMH 89

Prayers of the People

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Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarrelling, and divisiveness. Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Responsive Words of Assurance

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

P: In the name of Jesus 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 *Jesus Loves Me* arr. Fred Bock
Choral setting by Lloyd Larson

Prayer for the Offering

Special Music *Faith of Our Fathers*
Henry F. Hemi and James G. Walton
Gabriela Martinez and Javier Gonzalez, piano

Gospel Reading John 15:9-17

Hymn *The Gift of Love* UMH 408

Sermon "It's All About Love" Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Hymn** *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* TFWS 2223

***Responsive Benediction**

L: Beloved, may God bless you with the strength to love one another as God loves each and every one of you,

P: that you may find the complete, total, and everlasting joy that comes when we abide together with God who is Love.

All: Amen.

Postlude *Fanfare and Trumpet Tune on Nettleton* David Lasky

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

**Please stand if you are able.*