

Prayer Concerns

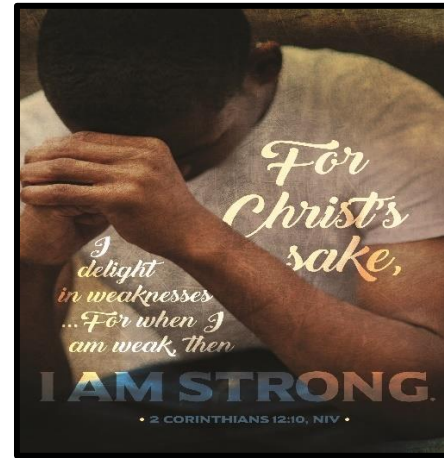
First Responders	Carole B.'s niece's family
Those affected by gun violence	Nancy D.
Those suffering from mental illness, addiction & homelessness	Lois D.
Margaret T., lifted by Joan T.	Anita B.
Todd and Caroline W., lifted by Barb A.	Keith A.
Susan L.	Judy L.
Diana S., niece of Jean S.	Chris K., lifted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

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

7/8 Tammy Moore	7/12 Jeff Riddlebaugh
7/8 Paul Taller	7/12 Frank O'Dell
7/10 Ray & Jane Burnett	7/13 JoAnn & Larry Criss-Krejci

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher: Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm
Organist: Javier Gonzalez
Liturgist: Greg Lavelle
Greeters: Barb and Floyd Andrews, Greg Lavelle
Ushers: Barb and Ron Clough
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 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

Andante Grazioso

Alan Gray

*Call to Worship

Greg Lavelle

L: Beloved, when our bodies feel unable and incapable, and the voices all around us disparage and criticize our bodies as weak and worthless, God calls to us...

P: Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.

L: When we persist in the false belief that we should and must do everything on our own, never asking for help and persisting in our drive for full independence, God calls to us...

P: Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.

L: When we feel shame because we need help, and the deep vulnerability of our needs pierces our hearts, God calls to us...

P: Open your heart to your weakness and my strength.

L: Listen! Pay attention! God calls to us in our weakness, not to

erase our frailties or bemoan all the things society may tell us we lack, but to empower us within the vulnerability of our humanness, naming us Beloved in the fullness of who we are.

P: May we open our hearts in worship to receive the goodness in our weakness and the power in the strength of God's love for all of God's vulnerable creation.

****Unison Prayer***

Loving God, who opens our hearts to the mysteries of faith in ordinary and extraordinary moments, come near to us today. Make known among us and within us your strength, that we might experience your power that uses what the powers of this world call weakness to demonstrate your Almighty love to all creation. Amen.

****Old Testament Reading*** Psalm 48:1-3, 8-14

****Hymn*** *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought* UMH 128

Prayers of the People

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Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession UMH 890

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Words of Pardon and Assurance

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

****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.

Special Music *Chorale "Lord God, Now Open Heaven's Gate"*
Bach-Bussoni
Piano Solo: Javier Gonzalez

Prayer for the Offering

Gospel Reading 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Hymn *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* UMH 400

Sermon "In Weakness and In Strength" Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Holy Communion

****Hymn*** *How Firm a Foundation* UMH 529

****Benediction***

Beloved, go from this place blessed with divine contentment in the deep and beautiful knowledge that in all things, the power of the crucified and resurrected Christ dwells in you. Amen.

Postlude *Postlude in G* Gustav Merkel

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

**Please stand if you are able.*