

Prayer Concerns

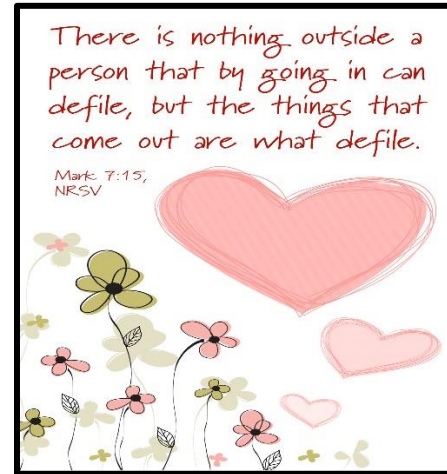
First Responders	Carole B.'s niece's family
Those affected by gun violence	Deb, lifted by Claudia T.
Those suffering from mental illness, addiction & homelessness	Lois D.
Randall S.	John, lifted by Mary B.
Margaret T., lifted by Joan T.	Keith A.
Todd and Caroline W., lifted by Barb A.	Judy L.
Joan H.	Chris K., lifted by Jean S.
Bob, lifted by Carole B.	Bunny, Liz L.'s cousin
Diana S., niece of Jean S.	Doug, friend of Joel & Deb C.
Carolyn B.	Ray S.
Jennifer G.	Judy, lifted by Brenda F.
Will S.	Marianne, lifted by Janis J.
Mario, Community Meals piano player	Susan L.
Pat, CJ C.'s mother	Ron S., lifted by Ed B.
Cindy, Reba Y.'s sister-in-law	Barbara B.
Daniel B., lifted by Ed B.	CJ C., lifted by Chris B.
Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.	Doris, friend 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 J.	Ron W.
	Kevin, lifted by Barb & Ron C.

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

9/1 Katie Chapman	9/7 Joan Holden
9/2 Jessica Plogger	

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher: Rev. Larry Marshall
Organist: Javier Gonzalez
Liturgist: Chris Byrns
Greeters: Jim and Ellie Yager, Greg Lavelle
Ushers: Barb and Ron Clough
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter, Craig Mueller



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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 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

Pastorale on "Beatitudo"

Percy E. Fletcher

*Call to Worship

Chris Byrns

L: Welcome, Beloved of God! For truly, you are deeply, wonderfully, beautifully loved by the God of all creation!

P: Come, let us worship God who loves us!

L: Whether your week was filled with mountain-high joys or valley-low sorrows, peace like a gently flowing river, or stress like a stormy gale, this is the time to rise and come away to worship God who sustains and tends to you.

P: Come, let us worship God who loves us and tends to us!

L: In a world that pulls us this way and that, God's love is our True North, guiding us with an uncommon wisdom through all that life brings us.

P: Come, let us worship God who loves us and guides us!

L: Beloved, the time for singing has come, because God's love, care, and wisdom sustain and guide us wherever we go.

P: Come, let us worship and sing to the God who loves, tends, guides, and sustains us! Amen!

****Unison Prayer***

Creating God, you are the source of nature's splendor—the beauty and fragrance of delicate flowers, and sweet sound of birdsong. We come to you this morning with delight and gladness, grateful for all of your wonders. As the fields produce their harvest, may your love grow within us, that we too may produce a harvest of love, hope, and joy. Amen.

****New Testament Reading*** James 1:17-27

****Hymn*** For the Beauty of the Earth UMH 92

Prayers of the People

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Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession (inspired by Psalm 15)

Holy God, we do not deserve to be in your dwelling place. We have not led a blameless life. We have not done what is right in your sight or spoken the truth that you have sealed in our hearts. We have done evil to both those we love and to those we refuse to love as we should. We have not been faithful stewards of that which we have been blessed and have hoarded that which should be shared with the least of these. Hear our cry, God of our hope, as we confess that which weighs us down. Forgive us for we are seeking your light and your salvation. Cleanse us of our brokenness that we might do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.

Responsive Words of Assurance

L: Because we are not worthy to enter God's dwelling, God came to dwell with us through the body and being of God's Son, Jesus Christ.

P: Christ came to be with us, amongst us, and for us. Hear the

good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Alleluia! Amen!

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, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Special Music *Lead on, O King Eternal* Henry T. Smart
arr. by Lloyd Larson
Piano Solo: Javier Gonzalez

Prayer for the Offering

Gospel Reading Mark 7:1-8, 14-23

Hymn *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* UMH 382

Sermon "Looking in the Mirror" Rev. Larry Marshall

****Hymn*** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* UMH 402

****Responsive Benediction***

L: Beloved, may God bless you with the uncommon wisdom to know deep in your hearts the vastness of God's love for you,

P: and in that knowing, may God's love bubble up and overflow from your heart into the world around you.

All: Amen.

Postlude *Postludium VI in G* Rob Peters

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

**Please stand if you are able.*