

Prayer Concerns

*Condolences to the family of Jim Sainsbury, on his passing	*John, lifted by Mary B.
°Condolences to the family of Joan Holden, on her passing	*Keith A.
°Condolences to the family of Joan Thomas, on her passing	*Judy L.
*Susan W.	*Carl, friend of Joel & Deb C.
*Bunny, cousin of Liz L.	*Sarah J.'s brother, Billy
*Janis J.'s brother, Kirk	*Selene, lifted by Carole A.
*Barbara B.	*Martha, lifted by Janis J.
°Alice T., Paul T.'s mother	*Ray S.
°Carolyn B.'s friend	*Jan C.
°Chris & Ava K., lifted by Jean S.	*Doris, friend of Sally C.
°Carol N. and her sister	*Judi W.
*Lois D.	*Kelly P.
*Nadine B., lifted by Alice W.	*Will S.
*Todd & Caroline W., lifted by Barb A.	*Sally C.
*Michael M., nephew of Jan C.	*Susan L.
*Becky & Dee, lifted by Claudia T.	*Bill & Marilyn R.
*Matt & Debby, lifted by Janis J.	*Tammy M.'s friend, Kate's father
*Carolyn B.	*Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.
*Jennifer G.	*Karen & Tom H., sister and brother-in-law of Jeff R.
*Pat, CJ C.'s mother	*Vicki & her family, daughter of Rae & Walt S.
*Cindy, Reba Y.'s sister-in-law	*Daniel C., lifted by Joel & Deb C.
*Phil T., lifted by Carolyn B.	*Joy & Rocky, lifted by Paul & Claudia T
*Bev C., Deb C.'s mother	*Donna R., sister of Bob & Carol N.
*Randall S.	*Dave S., brother-in-law of Jan C.
	*Nate R.

*=1 week °=2 weeks °=3 weeks °=4 weeks on prayer list

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

2/3 Ron Stroup

2/8 Rachael Berry

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

Liturgist: Barb Clough

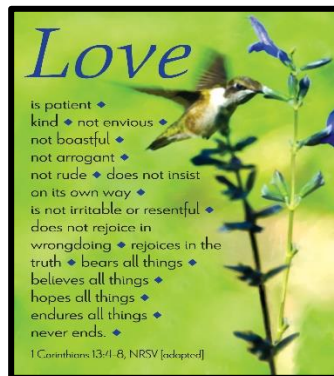
Organist: Javier Gonzalez

Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez

Greeters: Jean Scothon, Greg Lavelle

Ushers: Barb and Ron Clough

Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

February 2, 2025 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

My Heart Ever Faithful

J. S. Bach

*Call to Worship

(Jeremiah 1, Luke 4)

Barb Clough

L: Come! Hear the call of God: "Speak of me to my people."

P: But we are just ordinary folks. Who will listen?

L: "I will give you the words. I will always be with you as you speak my words of truth and justice and love."

P: We gather here to worship you, to praise you for your loving presence, and to be strengthened for the calling you have given us.

*Unison Prayer

(Jeremiah 1, Psalm 71, 1 Corinthians 13, Luke 4)

O God, in the midst of the cacophony of voices that crush our spirit and deny our calling, voices that say, "Who do you think you are?" we come to hear your voice of affirmation; we come to hear your voice calling us to be and do what you have called us to be and do. Let this time of worship quiet our fears, soothe our

bruised souls, and energize us for ministry in and with your beloved world. Let faith abide. Let hope abide. Let love abide— here in this sanctuary, here in our community, here in our world, but most of all, here in us. Amen.

***Old Testament Reading** Psalm 71:1-6

***Hymn** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* UMH 110

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession (Jeremiah 1, Luke 4, I Corinthians 13)

God, who shapes the course of history, it is so hard to be a prophet. We're just ordinary folks. What do you expect us to do? Who will listen to us anyway? Even if they do, they'll only get mad. You'd do better to find someone else—someone older, someone younger, someone more articulate, someone with more courage, someone with more faith. But still we hear our call and your promise. Forgive our feet of clay—when we try and evade your call, when we make excuses, when we doubt your presence, when we reject your prophets, when we reject ourselves. In the opportunities and challenges in our lives, help us see that you are there, and help us respond in faith, hope, and love.

Responsive Words of Assurance (Psalm 71)

God is our rock and our fortress. In God we find our hope and Our strength. We are always surrounded by God's forgiving love, a love that has known us from birth and will never leave us.

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.

Anthem *God is There* Jumbo Stevens

***Prayer for the Offering**

***Doxology** UMH 94

New Testament Reading I Corinthians 13:1-13

Hymn *The Gift of Love* UMH 408

Sermon "Love Always" Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Singing Responses: TFWS 2257 (b, c, d)

***Hymn** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384

Responsive Benediction

L: The Lord bless you and keep you;

P: the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

All: the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Amen.

Postlude *Postlude Héroïque* David Lasky

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

**Please stand if you are able.*



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