

### **Prayer Concerns**

Those affected by gun violence  
Those suffering from mental illness, addiction & homelessness  
Condolences to the family of Joan Thomas, on her passing  
Karen & Tom H., sister and brother-in law of Jeff R.  
Sally C.  
Nadine B., lifted by Alice W.  
Todd and Caroline W., lifted by Barb A.  
Dave S., brother-in-law of Jan C.  
Michael M., nephew of Jan C.  
Becky & Dee, lifted by Claudia T.  
Daniel C., lifted by Joel & Deb C.  
Jim S.  
Carol N.  
Paul T.'s mother, Alice  
Matt & Debby, lifted by Janis J.  
Carolyn B.  
Jennifer G.  
Mario R., Meals piano player  
Pat, CJ C.'s mother  
Cindy, Reba Y.'s sister-in-law  
Nate R.  
Bunny, cousin of Liz L.  
Vicki and her family, daughter of Rae and Walt S.  
Phil T., lifted by Carolyn B.  
Tim W., lifted by Hoyte and Terri W.

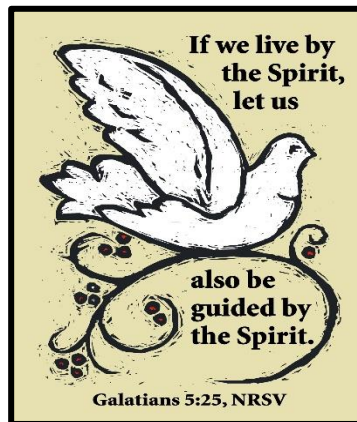
Bev C., Deb C.'s mother  
Lois D.  
John, lifted by Mary B.  
Keith A.  
Judy L.  
Carl, friend of Joel & Deb C.  
Sarah J.'s brother, Billy  
Selene, lifted by Carole A.  
Joan H.  
Martha, lifted by Janis J.  
Ray S.  
Janis J.'s brother, Kirk  
Donna R., sister of Bob & Carol N.  
Jan C.  
Judi W.  
Kelly P.  
Will S.  
Ken G., lifted by Barb B.  
Susan L.  
Randall S.  
Barbara B.  
Bill & Marilyn R.  
Doris, friend of Sally C.  
Tammy M.'s friend, Kate's, father  
Curtis, lifted by Reba Y.  
Joy and Rocky, lifted by Paul & Claudia T.

### **This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries**

1/19 Christine Mincik  
1/20 Joel Chemonte  
1/25 Carol and Bob Nupp (60!)  
1/26 John and Judy Solt (62!)

### **Today's Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm  
Liturgist: John Vas  
Organist: Javier Gonzalez  
Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez  
Greeters: John and Char Vas, Greg Lavelle  
Usher: Sarah Jackson  
Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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## **Second Sunday After the Epiphany/ Human Relations Day**

January 19, 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** Choral Prelude on "Eventide" Ernest A. Dicks

**\*Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 40) John Vas

L: We gather today with a new song in our mouth.

**P: A song of freedom and relationship.**

L: We gather today with feet set on solid rock.

**P: A rock of justice and peace.**

L: We gather today to praise God for wondrous deeds.

**All: We delight to do God's will, with God's law within our hearts.**

### **\*Unison Prayer**

Eternal God, Lover of our souls, we come to you this morning  
hungering for something from you that will change the rest of our  
lives. We come hungering for honesty instead of corruption; for

generosity instead of greed; we come hungering for integrity instead of intrigue. We come hungering for our neighbors to be fed and for all to have enough honest work to provide for the basic needs of their families. We come this morning hungering for righteousness to flow like rainwater and for the justice like an ever-flowing stream described by the prophets. Amen.

**\*Old Testament Reading** Micah 6:6-8

**\*Hymn** *We Are Called* TFWS 2172

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

Almighty and merciful God, we know that when we offend another, we offend you. We are aware that we have often allowed the shadow of hate to cloud our souls, hiding the light from our unseeking eyes. We have said unpleasant and hurtful things to our brothers and sisters when they failed to live up to our expectations. Grant that we might find that spark of love that ever burns within us, the love that you have shown to us even when we failed you. Fan the embers of that love until it roars again in flames of love, peace, and reconciliation. Forgive us our sin and help us to forgive those who have sinned against us. Lead us into new life through your Son Jesus Christ, who died for the sins of all. 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.

All: 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.

**Anthem** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Hal H. Hopson

**Penny Sunday**

**\*Prayer for the Offerings**

**\*Doxology** UMH 94

**Special Music** *Rivers of Babylon* The Melodians

**New Testament Reading** Galatians 5:22-25

**Hymn** *Help Us Accept Each Other* UMH 560

**Sermon** "Guided by the Spirit" Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

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

#### **Responsive Benediction**

L: God be in your head, and in your understanding. God be in your eyes, and in your looking.

P: God be in your mouth, and in your speaking. God be in your heart, and in your thinking.

All: God be at your end, and at your departing. Amen.

**Postlude** *Postlude on "Dresden" and "The Old Hundredth"*  
Ernest A. Dicks

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

*\*Please stand if you are able.*