

"Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Matthew 16:24-26

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023

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Setting Seven

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

Jays & Concerns

Prelude

David Prodoehl, Guest Musician

Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C. Amen

P. Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Steadfast and faithful God,

C. you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.

We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.

We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.

For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.

For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.

For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.

Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

P. Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven

C. Amen

Gathering Hymn

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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The Greeting

P. From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

C. And also with you.

Hymn of Praise



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra-a-que-llos que a-ma el Se - ñor.
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.



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And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

C. O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the

company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

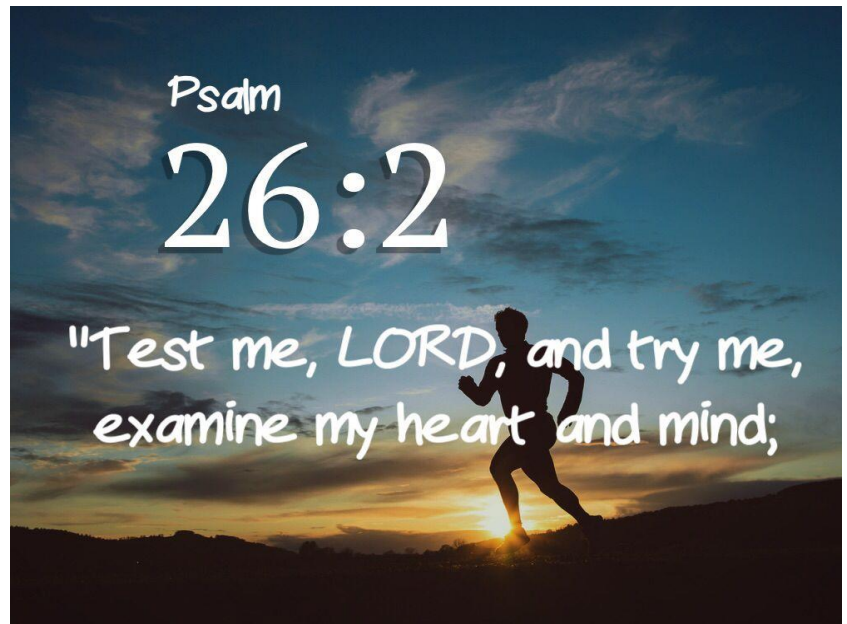
Thy *words* were found,
and I did eat them; and
thy *word* was unto me the
joy and rejoicing of mine heart:
for I am called by thy name,
O Lord God of hosts.

Jeremiah 15:16

Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.



Psalmody

Psalm 26

(tone 1)

chanted responsively



Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived ¹ with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and ¹ have not faltered.

**Test me, O ¹ LORD, and try me;
examine my heart ¹ and my mind.**

For your steadfast love is be- ¹ fore my eyes;
I have walked faith- ¹ fully with you.

**I have not sat ¹ with the worthless,
nor do I consort with ¹ the deceitful.**

I have hated the company of ¹ evildoers;
I will not sit down ¹ with the wicked.

**I will wash my hands in inno- ¹ cence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession ¹ round your altar,**
singing aloud a song ¹ of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won- ¹ derful deeds.

**LORD, I love the house in ¹ which you dwell
and the place where your glo- ¹ ry abides.**

Second Reading

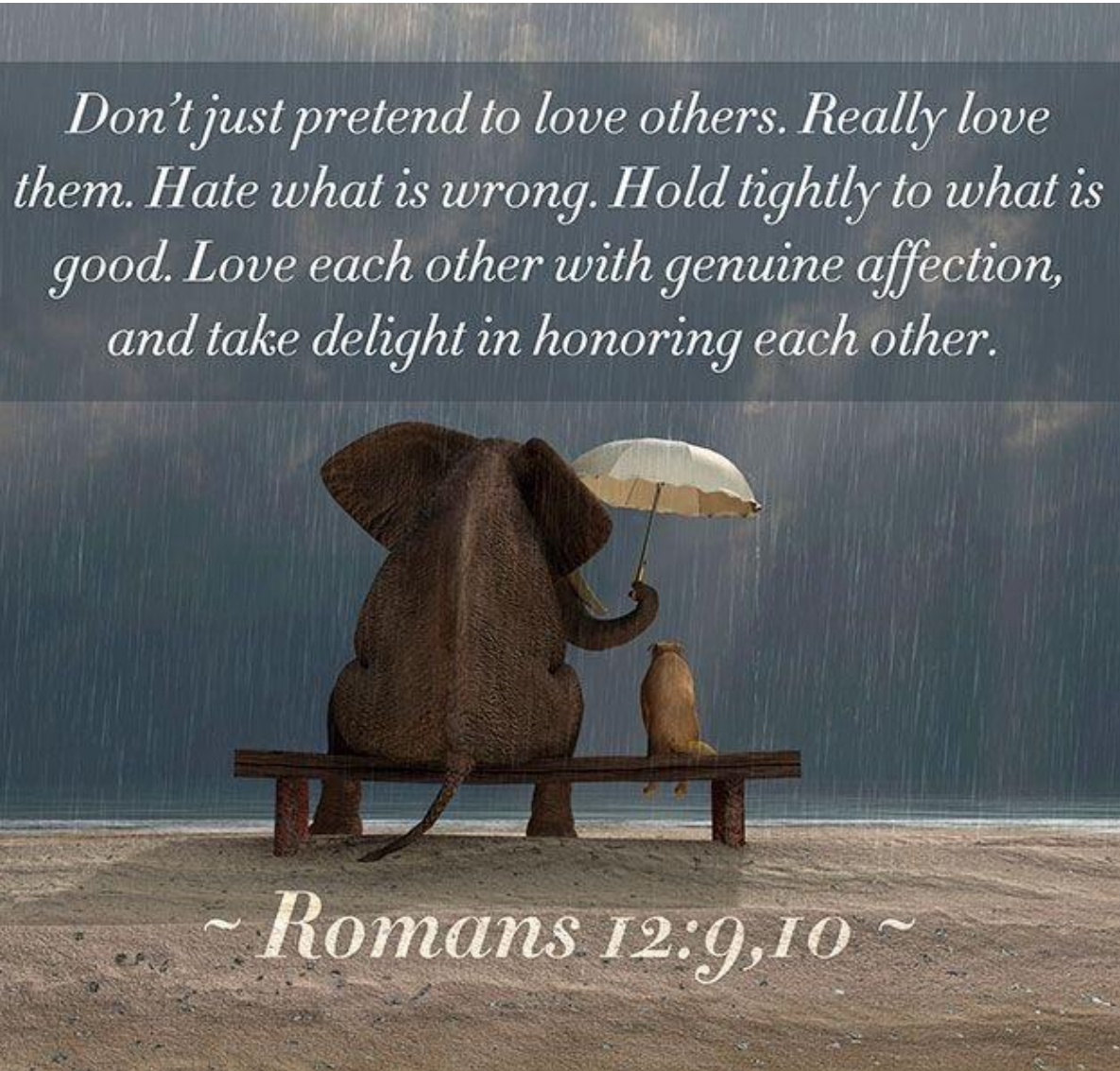
Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

An elephant and a small animal, possibly a cat, are sitting on a wooden bench on a beach. It is raining heavily, and the elephant is holding a white umbrella over both of them. The background shows the ocean and a dark, rainy sky.

Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

~ Romans 12:9,10 ~

Alleluia

Gospel Acclamation

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
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P. The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter sixteen.



From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen

to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

John Petry, Interim Pastor

Hymn of the Day

Jesus, Still Lead On

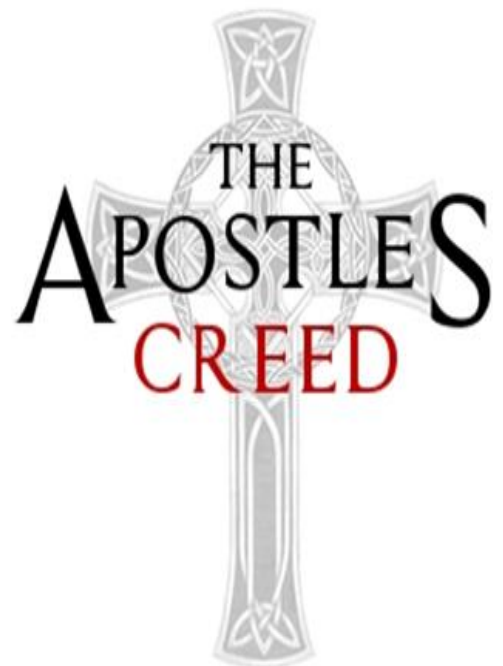
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The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen



Prayers of Intercession

- A.** Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence

God of life, your words are the joy at the heart of your church. Draw the seeker to you, place messages of hope and healing in the mouths of your witnesses, and open your children to your truth when we stumble. Merciful God,

- C. receive our prayer.**

- P.** Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

- C. Amen.**

The Peace

- P.** Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled. May His peace be with you always.

- C. And also with you.**



The Offering

Anthem

David Prodoehl, Guest Musician

Let the Vineyards . . .



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

A. God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

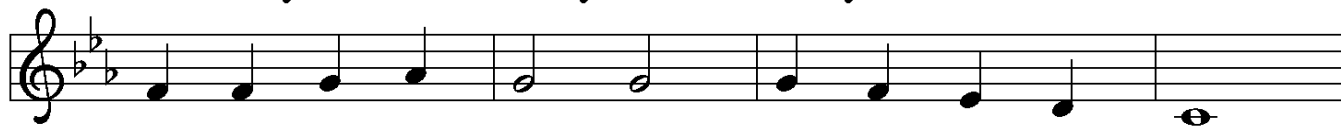
P. It is indeed right . . .



The Sanctus



San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



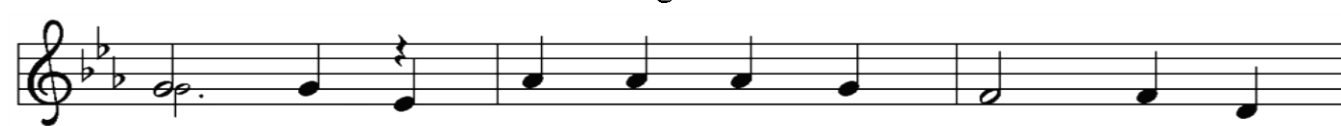
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Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.



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 and ever. Amen

Invitation to Communion

P. Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

C. Amen.

O Lamb of God

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, have . . mer-cy up - on us, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros. have . . mer-cy up - on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
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Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da - nos tu paz, grant us your peace, da - nos tu paz. grant us your peace.

Communion Music

Post Communion Blessing

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace and peace.

C. Amen



Post Communion Prayer

A. Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

C. Amen.

Blessing

P. The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

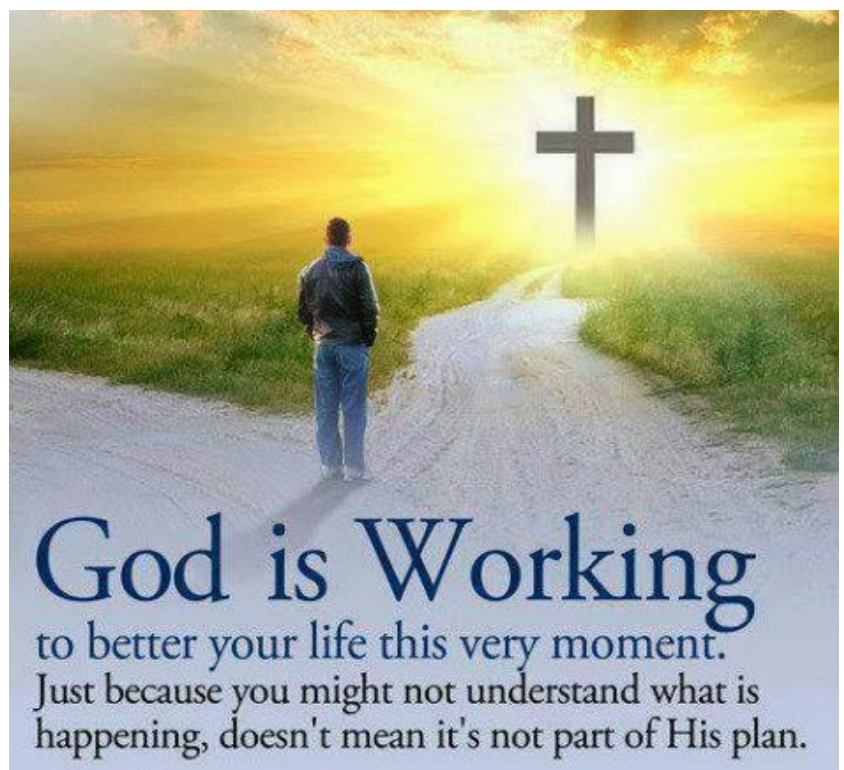
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Dismissal

A. Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Servers for Sunday, September 3rd

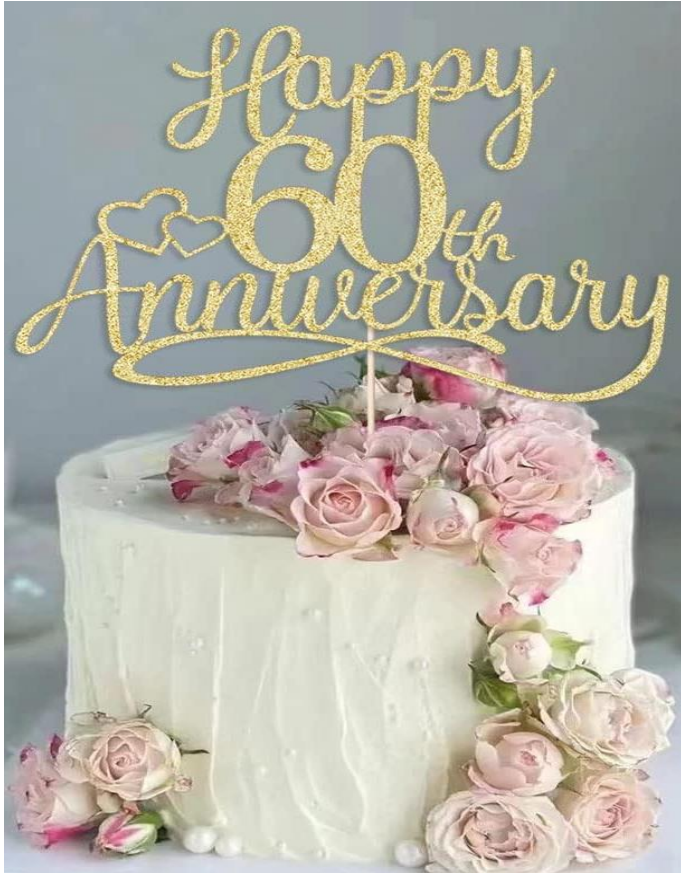
Assisting Minister..... Shannon Thomsen
Reader Shannon Thomsen
Altar Guild Grace Barnes
Greeters/Counters Tim Clark / Linda Hash
Guest Musician David Prodoehl

serve

ONE ANOTHER IN

love

galatians 5:13



Flowers this week are in celebration of
Bud & Helen Holderman's 60th Anniversary!

Candles this month are provided by
Tom & Alecia Harrison in celebration of
Ben & Lori's Baptisms.

Honor a loved one by making a donation for the
candles in the sanctuary for the month or the
flowers that beautify the church each Sunday.
Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board
in the hallway.

*After Worship Fellowship Today
Provided By Your
Parish Committee*



*Pray for your
Call Committee*

Family of Monna Stamm

Kathy Hart's brother, Dan – recovering from a stroke

Ginny King's sister, Mary Anna Strickler – broken hip / hip replacement

Sylvia Lambert's grandson, Ian – deployment to Republic of Niger, West Africa

Tess Andrews' brother, David Van Benschoten

Holly Hans' sister, Heather House & her family

Wendy Casey's mom, Barbara – under hospice care

Father of Julya Mirro - (Gale's friend)

Lora Clark's friend, Rebecca Bowman – recovering

Clyde Bogle's sister-in-law, Wanda – cancer

Judy Stewart – multiple health issues

Carolyn Watkins – recovering from minor stroke

Mr. Smith, neighbor of Carolyn Watkins

Sheryll's friend Tony – terminal cancer

Rebecca Swanson's sister in PA – Post Polio Syndrome

Rebecca Swanson's nephew – Dr. David Shaefer

Tim & Rita's sister-in-law, Jane Clark – breast cancer has returned

Pam Klawiter's co-worker, Carolyn Harbertson – breast cancer

Linda Hash's brother, Charles Barlow

Linda Hash's sister-in-law, Beth Hash Lennon

Holly Han's mother, Carol Hardy

Diana Havenstein

Donna Hannah – bad fall

Mary Ann Jackson

Dayshaun

Peg Stamp, myeloma

Jim Powers

Jonathan McCoy

Sharon Vietri

The logo features the word "prayer" in a large, dark grey, serif font. A green palm frond is positioned behind the letters "ay". Below "prayer", the words "EVERY DAY" are written in a smaller, dark grey, sans-serif font.

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