Prayer Requests

Joys: Week of 10-11-26 – Thank you Gracious Lord for the response from a friend of the son of one of our members, who said, “It was such a surprise and joy to be thought of and prayed for by people who he didn’t even know!”

Concerns: Week of 10-11-2026 – Dayna Cinader; Doug and Carolyn Drake; Kimi Ivey; Paulette Holler; Carol Shears; People in Panama experiencing the effects of earthquakes; People in Florida experiencing flooding.

Ongoing prayers: Doug & Carolyn Drake; Laura Holloman; Pat Howard & her daughter, Erin; Dave & Vicki Hunt; Mary Kristensen; Rev. Steve & Pam McNeal Laue; Gerald & Sharon Marchant; Tom & Donna Masterson; Maury & Rozanne Malaise; Ken & Connie Quinn; Kim & Judy Riddlesworth; Roy & Margaret Sims; Arline Slocumb; Madonna & Sidney Thomas’ son, Sidney Michael; Nella Tjeerdsma’s friend, Peggy; Faye West; Larry West.

Prayers for Friends and Family: Jo & Flynn Fuller’s grandson, Wesam; David Hoffman’s brother, Chris (CA); Kendra Hoffman’s nephew, Jordan (WI); Richard Holdsworth’s sister, Virginia (age 95 in NY); Pat Howard’s granddaughter, Caitlin’s friend Savannah (NE); Jacque Laats’ niece, Jaxon & Kurt (in AK); Norma Lombardi’s sister, Antoinette (age 100 in NY); Jan Mills’ sister, Greta (age 96 in MO); Jan Mills’ niece, Lettie (in MO); Andrea Muzzarelli’s daughter, Heather (in IL); Kathy N’s mom’s best friend, Juanetta (age 101 – in TX); Leslie Oredson’s father, Robert (age 97 - in MN); Faye West’s brother & s-i-l, Ray & Lonnie West (in MN).

For Family and Loved Ones of the Following People Who Died: Kelly Quinn (10-28-25); Donna Doede (10-29-25); Norma Lawson (12-15-25); Juanita Howard (12-27-25); Joanne Wilson (12-27-25); Terri Nekvinda (12-30-25); Raymond Drake (1-3-26); Thelma Rush (3-13-26); Darlene McSparran (3-13-26); Gladys Kelley (3-27-26); Tony Kalinski (4-2-26); Elaine Cooper (4-22-26); Dave Hoffman (4-24-26); Mona Parmar (5-8-26); Ed Rockwell (6-12-26); Frank Castle (8-2-26); Robert (Bob) Davis (9-2-26); Emily Cox (10-13-26).

Prayer for Healthy Churches to make a Healthy World:
The leaves don’t just change; they let go. The light doesn’t just soften; it retreats earlier each day. We are looking forward to celebrating Halloween and All Saints Day. We gather for Thanksgiving to spend time with friends and loved ones and extended family. May we see changes in the season as we gather and share in the work that will bring peace and comfort to our lives. Perhaps a chapter in your life is closing or a plan you had high hopes for is no longer possible. Maybe there’s a grief you are still learning to carry. We have many programs that will help bring comfort and healing care. That’s the invitation of autumn prayer: to trust that letting go is not the same as losing. Autumn teaches us year after year that intimacy with God is most often found not in holding on but in opening our hands to His Will. Psalm 55:22 – “Cast your burden upon the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken.”

Our Military in Service: **(** = serving overseas)**
Air Force: SSgt. Kathryn Jones, TSgt. Kyler Sengsavath **
ANG: A1C Morgan Ailslieger, TSgt. Malika Sengsavath
Army: Spec. Matthew Farris**, WO2 Wesley Meadows **
Marines: Cpl. Trayton Stewart
Navy: E-5 Nicholas Rinker, ATC Echo Smith, Lt. Nav03 Karl Kristensen



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Service of Scripture, Prayer and Music

October 18, 2026, 10:30 am

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"
Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin arr. Jan Sanborn

Welcome/Announcements

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: This week has been filled with quiet struggles, hidden tears, and weary burdens.

People: We come into this space carrying things we cannot fix on our own.

Leader: Hear the good news: we do not worship a distant creator, but a God who knows us and feels our grief.

People: In Jesus, God stepped into our skin, suffered alongside us, and walked our dusty roads.

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

People: God sees us, hears our cries, and holds our fragile hearts with tender compassion.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who sits with us in our mess and heals our wounded souls.

People: We open our spirits to receive God's love, and we lift our voices in praise! AMEN.

(Adapted from an AI generated liturgy with help from: https://ministrymatters.com, https://sacredise.com/, https://www.irenebom.com/prayer_matters/, https://www.first15.org/articles/a-prayer-for-empathy/, and others.)

***Opening Hymn** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling UMH 384 vv 1, 2, 4

Offering

Offertory "The Prayer of Saint Francis" arr. Rene Clausen

***Doxology** Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94

***Offertory Prayer**

Children's Message

Good News

Scripture Philippians 4:10-14 Howard Shapiro

Song of Praise 10,000 Reasons Myrin & Redman

Sermon An Underappreciated Super Power, Part 2
Pastor Misty Howick

Call To Prayer Love Each Other Graham Kendrick

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn** Blessed Assurance UMH 369

***Benediction**

***Postlude** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" John Zundel
arr. Jan Sanborn

***Please stand as you are able**

Worship Service and Music

Rev. Misty Howick, Pastor
Jeffrey Conger, Sue Wilson, Scott South & Joanne Croft – Praise Team
Chaplain Kathy Norris, Pastoral Assistant

Jeffrey Conger, Director of Music
Randy Wilson, Audio/Visual Manager
Alex Lunardi, Accompanist