

HEALTH CONCERNS

Members:

Lucy Dillon (health issues)
Hamp Langdon (undergoing physical therapy due to stroke)
Bob Myers (heart issues)
Bernice Nelson (cancer)
Rocky Newton (cancer)
Jim Nicholson (health issues)
Phyllis Sterling (stroke—in skilled nursing at the Masonic Home in Burlington, NJ)
Winnie Theobald (AFib, blood pressure and health issues)
Dale Watts (home recuperating from medical procedure)
Rodgers White (health issues)

Friends & Family:

N. Bolen **George Smitherman** (health issues); Lawrence & Thelma Crutchfield (health issues for both); Megan Hedgecock (health issues); Faye Dean Watson, Amy Ikerd, Cindy Strickland (diabetes and health issues)
Foster Jeff Weaver (A-Fib issues and blood pressure issues)
Kerr Lolly Tupper (continued health issues)
Myers Neil Ruff (Donna's brother—tests); Dale Swisher (friend—tests)
Roney Janice Denise Roney (daughter—recuperating from surg.)
Self Mrs. Lee (our daughter-in-law's mother in S. Korea—health issues)
G. Sharp Nicki Hondros (former owner of the Plaza Restaurant—dementia)
Vernon Linda Carr and family (Mr. Carr has advanced Alzheimer's); Roy Lyons (a dear friend's brother—several serious health issues); Candy Bowlin (Millie's niece—breast cancer)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Conrad All the families of mass shootings

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Vernon Renee Mier (Millie's daughter—got the job she really wanted)

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

Bolen **The Family of Paul Spainhour**
Mattingly The family of Betty Norman (Betty passed away Thursday, September 12)



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September 22, 2019 — 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God welcomes those whose hearts are sick. God's invitation comes to those whose joy is gone.

People: *Why is the health of God's people not restored? Why must we weep day and night for those we have lost?*

Leader: There is a balm in Gilead. There is a physician who heals. Jesus Christ is our mediator, healer, and savior.

People: *We bring all our pain and unresolved anger. We come in all our confusion to seek answers.*

Leader: Bring all your urgent prayers and honest laments. God is eager to offer salvation and open us to truth.

People: *We cry out to God for deliverance from our sin. We cry out for relief from our suffering.*

All: *Let us worship God!*

***HYMN NO. 720**

"Jesus Calls Us"

GALILEE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we have not managed the wealth of the earth, which is our trust from you. We have modified your commands to suit our own egos and desires. We have wasted resources while hoarding for our own use what is meant for all to enjoy. Our concerns are narrow and our compassion is weak. We are restless and unfulfilled for we have not tried your ways. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us into your new day. Amen.

(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Let the confusion and despair of your former ways melt into trust in a God who cares. Let go of dishonesty and false riches to accept the wealth of knowing God and responding in faithfulness. God's gift to us is a quiet and peaceable life, full of dignity and godliness. Such acceptance and inner peace enliven our active care for others and our sharing in the joy of service. Friends, believe the good news...

People: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

ANTHEM

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Luke 16:1-13

SERMON

"The Dishonest Manager"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

***HYMN NO. 724**

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

ANGEL'S STORY

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

"The Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN NO. 707**

"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

HALL

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (Sep 22)

Greeters/Ushers: Rich Tincher, Bernie Krecklow

Lay Reader: Dee Barham

Serving Next Sunday (Sep 29)

Greeters/Ushers: Priscilla Henderson

Lay Reader: John Mills