

### HEALTH CONCERNS

#### Members:

Rita Barger (health issues)  
Lucy Dillon (health issues)  
Lorna Foster (rehabilitating at home from shoulder replacement)  
Bernie Krecklow (health issues)  
Hamp Langdon (health issues)  
Judy Maxwell (home recuperating from health issues)  
Bob Myers (heart issues)  
Winnie Theobald (health issues)  
Rodgers White (health issues)  
Millie Vernon (health issues)

#### Friends & Family:

Bolen Ann Kirkman (recovering from a stroke); Faye Dean Watson (cancer treatment);  
Amy Ikerd; Cindy Strickland (diabetes & health issues); Carol Carroll (health issues)  
Briggs Rebecca Huminski (daughter—back in ICU at Baptist Hosp.)  
M. Newton Mike Lucire (Marcia's 41 yr. old son-in-law—stroke and Aortic leak)  
Polinsky Chad Amond (nephew—health issues)  
Self Gregory Martin (rare blood cancer)  
S. Sharp Dick Pauley (Ambassador at PTI—ICU with health issues)

### PRAYER OF PRAISE

Conrad **Natalie Conrad & Nick Warden wedding date 9/9/2020** (grand-daughter); Dave Hoppes (son-in-law—home doing well from massive seizure and cardiac arrest)  
Foster Nick Waver (Lorna's grandson—Ok'd to return to work after fighting Corona-virus)  
Rosalie Nicholson (completed radiation therapy)

### SPECIAL CONCERNS

N. Bolen Catherine Bolen (health issues); Carrie Hiatt

### SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

Watts The family of Patricia Pittman Hanna (Ellen's sister who passed away August 30)



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September 13, 2020—15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God. Let us remember God's marvelous works.

**People: Surely God has saved us in difficult times. How can we forget God's guiding hand?**

Leader: When evil surrounds us and we have been wronged, God helps us turn the evil to good.

**People: We need not be afraid whatever happens. We are in God's care wherever we go.**

Leader: Sing the praises of God, our strength. Know that God is majestic and holy.

**People: How great is God's mercy for all who worship! We sense among us God's kindness and patience.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 2

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

ITALIAN HYMN

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We bow before your judgment seat, O God. We have ranked our sisters and brothers by the faulty standards of our society to decide who is worthy of our attention. We have rejected those whom we dislike and have been harsh with those we think do not measure up. We have been quite willing to overlook our own faults as we look down on other people. O God, you have shown us a better way. Save us from the pain we inflict and help us to discover the blessing of forgiveness. Amen.

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

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God has pity on us and releases us from the debts we have accumulated. In the great design of the universe, we are equipped to receive this forgiveness only when we extend it to others. Jesus points us to unlimited willingness to forgive—seventy times seven. How amazing is God’s love for us, and God’s expectation of us! 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.)*

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

Exodus 14:19-31

Matthew 18:21-35

### SERMON

*“Forgiveness”*

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 444

*“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”*

DETROIT

### \*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.

### 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

### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Words of Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving - 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.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of God’s Gifts

The Communion Prayer

### \*HYMN NO. 435

*“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*

IN BABILONE

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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